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Worth Checking Out

Special council meet

The El Cerrito City Council has scheduled a session Monday to consider the garbage franchise agreement, including study of a requested fee increase. The meeting is at 8 p.m. at the Community Center on Mooser Lane.

Vintage, classic, custom

The Albany Chamber of Commerce hosts its sixth annual Classic/Vintage Auto Show on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Key Route median between Solano and Washington avenues. See special section in today's paper for details.

Candidates Night

The public, especially parents of children in the West Contra Costa Unified School District are invited to a School Board Candidates Night on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, across from El Cerrito High. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., followed by candidates' statements, question and answers and possibly a vote to endorse candidates for School Board as well as El Cerrito City Council at 8 p.m. Details: 524-8142.

EC High cleanup needs you

A community cleanup, spruce up effort at El Cerrito High School is set this weekend and the community's assistance is being sought. See page 4 to find out how you can help.

Abandoned vehicles

The El Cerrito Police Department has created a recorded 24-hour hotline at 215-4427 specifically for reporting abandoned vehicles within the city limits. The hotline was created to expedite the removal process. Be prepared to provide the following information: the address and the closest cross streets where the vehicle is parked; a description of the vehicle, including the make, model, color and license number, if there is one; and your name and call back number so parking enforcement can call you if there are any questions. Once the information has been retrieved from the hotline, parking enforcement representatives will mark the abandoned autos. If the vehicle is still there after 72 hours, it will be subject to tow.

Homeless pets

In conjunction with National Homeless Animals Day on Saturday, the Contra Costa Humane Society is urging people to become responsible for their companion animals by having them spayed or euthanized. County shelters last year had to euthanize 12,000 dogs and cats last year because there simply were not enough homes. The society offers a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Martinez that can be reached at 372-SPAY. Its financial assistance program can be reached at 284-8141.

Part day preschool

The Albany Children's Center has a new program for part day preschool children. The program operates in the morning from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Snacks and lunch are provided. Because this preschool group is co-located with the school district's Special Education preschool, the adult to child ratio is especially favorable. Cost: \$14 per day, two-through five-day spaces available. Details: 559-6590.

CPR class

The Albany Fire Department is having a CPR Class, Layperson Adult CPR, is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 30. Anyone wishing to sign up must do so at the department. Cost: \$20. The class is now open to the general public, as opposed to only Albany residents as has been the case in the past. Details: 528-5770 ext. 433.

Experience joy of singing

Join the Contra Costa Chorale in singing the magnificent Haydn oratorio "The Creation." El Cerrito rehearsals are Mondays, 7:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. starting Aug. 25 at the Hillside Community Church, 1422 Novellier St. (at Potrero). Performances will be Nov. 15 in Kensington and Nov. 16 in Lafayette. There are no "formal" auditions, just come to a rehearsal and sing along with the chorus for the evening. Details: 527-2026.

Cardroom: Both sides in for the long haul



CRG attorney Bob Outis

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In the wake of the recent appeal court decision in the Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit, one thing, and one thing only, seems clear. The decision, rendered partially in favor of the Citizen for Responsible Government, has extended the lawsuit to a point where little, if anything, seems clear at all. For example, the pro-cardroom

Ladbroke Racing Corp./City of Albany legal team is now faced with a wide array of choices. The two could, in one scenario, seek a hearing with the California Supreme Court, which, if it was granted, might or might not override the appeal court's decision to send the matter back to the superior court level.

Or, pro-cardroom forces could petition the same three appeal court

justices who signed the decision to reconsider the matter in their own sphere of influence. Or, Ladbroke/Albany could accept the decision and return to superior court for a new round of adjudication, a move which could lead to yet another appeal, which in turn could lead to another request that the Supreme Court consider the matter.

And beyond that, of course, there is the second CRG lawsuit, filed in

April and scheduled to begin this fall. Regardless of the outcome of the first lawsuit, the second suit, if successful, would invalidate the cardroom project based not on any pre-election impropriety but rather on the Feb. 1, 1997 "drop dead date" in the development agreement passed as Measure F.

"There are, I think, any number

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Drought-tolerant and award-winning



Jeff Lindquist

John Schmidt, 8, and brother Ian, 5, sit on the steps in the middle of the garden at parents Peggy and John Schmidt's Potrero Avenue home, which took second place in this year's edition of the Sundar Shadi Garden Contest. The second annual event, sponsored by the El Cerrito Garden Club and named for El Cerrito's beloved master gardener, is intended to recognize the city's many fine gardens.

Garden club honors contest winners

El Cerrito Garden Club President Julie Rogers announced the winners of the Sundar Shadi Garden Contest last week.

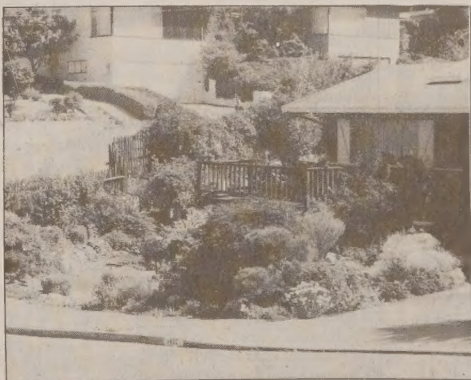
"It has been wonderful to look at people's gardens," Rogers said, "and see how they unify their neighborhoods and their city, and it has been gratifying to meet those kinds of people."

The first place garden, on a difficult plot at 1432 Scott Street, is naturalistic, including a wide variety of plants and a blending of complementary colors. Its delicately planted stream bed draws the eye in for more.

Seen below is the second place garden at 7712 Potrero. It is also on a difficult, steep slope, planted to survive deer and drought, as well as to cuddle ones senses with rich color.

One of the third place winners, hinted at even more promising flora when, coming to receive his prize for his front yard, he said, "And we've been working on our backyard all of this time!"

Sharing third place honors were 115 Ramona, 5901 Jordan and 5330 Pointsett. Fourth place went to 1240 Lawrence and 937 Richmond, while Fatapple's on Fairmount won best commercial garden honors.



Jeff Lindquist

This 'naturalistic' garden on Scott Street, complete with its own stream bed, took the top prize of a cash award and gifts from area nurseries. It was cited as a 'jewel of a garden,' that fits perfectly into its setting.

Strong opinions vs. strong opinions

■ A battle over a resident's graphic sign may pit public decency against free speech rights.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The city is trying to craft a new sign ordinance that will maintain an individual's first amendment rights, while still protecting the rights of the community through reasonable government regulation.

Neighborhood complaints about a particular sign, however, are steering the debate in a seemingly irreconcilable direction.

El Cerrito resident and pro-life advocate Robert Powers, living on Santa Fe near Colusa Circle, has for a year mounted posters depicting mutilated fetuses on a truck outside his house.

A Santa Fe Avenue resident described, "One (of the signs) is about 4 by 5 feet and shows a giant color photograph of a decapitated, mutilated head of a late term fetus. The other sign is somewhat smaller and shows a giant color photograph of a mutilated late-

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Jellison won't seek reelection

Filing deadline extended; 8 enter school district race

By Chris Treadway

EL CERRITO — The Nov. 4 election is still almost three months away and it's already assured that there will be some turnover on the City Council, which has three seats are up for election.

Of the nine people who took out papers, six filed by last Friday's deadline, including two current officeholders. Noticeably missing among them was current Mayor Norma Jellison.

Because Jellison didn't turn in papers, the filing deadline was extended to yesterday afternoon. The extension is automatic when an incumbent does not file, to allow as complete a field of candidates as possible. (The extended filing comes after The Journal's deadline.)

The field as of last Friday included Janet Abelson, current Councilmember Gina Brusatori (who is filling the remaining term of Cathie Kosel), Larry Damon, James-Joseph Diliberto, current Councilmember Mark Friedman (serving the remaining term of Mae Ritz), and Thom Stark.

Jellison said she did consider running and had many

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Institute's presentation draws large turnout

Designs of future El Cerrito await will and means

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On Friday night students from the Prince of Wales Summer School in Architecture blessed residents with a vision of how the city could be. If the students' toil is to become reality, El Cerritans must shake off their hangovers, roll up their sleeves, and make this vision a reality—one tree, one car and one building at a time.

"If the civic will exists in this community, and I am convinced that it does, this is what your city could look like in 20 years, in time for your centenary," said Institute Director Richard John.

On July 24, the Prince of Wales Institute arrived in El Cerrito and straight off met with El Cerrito constituents, among them the Cham-

ber of Commerce, the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, Sustainable El Cerrito, BART, AC Transit, the Pacific Development Group (developer of the future Del Norte Marketplace) and the IBEX group (developer of Del Norte Place).

The students and teachers were shown current and past redevelopment plans and were briefed on the Agency's status.

Two days later on Saturday, July 26, the students ran a community planning workshop where residents drew maps of El Cerrito in post-it notes, documenting their likes and dislikes.

The students absorbed all of these perspectives before retiring to UC Berkeley to feverishly interpret, boil down, plot and draw El Cerritan's vision of El Cerrito. On Friday,



This is the sketch students produced for their Del Norte BART concept. The focus would be retail and leisure, with parking relocated to the west side of San Pablo Avenue.

when they unveiled this vision, Fairmount Elementary's Multi-purpose Room was teeming with residents ready to see their town transformed.

El Cerrito is the second city in the United States the Institute has

chosen to visit, after Richmond, Virginia last year. On Friday when Councilwoman Gina Brusatori mentioned this, some clapped and others snickered, unclear on whether to treat it as a compliment or as a reflection on El Cerrito's low rank in

the urban design world.

El Cerrito residents' veracious participation in the planning process, Director Richard John said, made it clear "this was not the first public workshop you have been in-

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■ Response

Stop mudslinging, start talking

I am responding to the article in *The Journal* (July 31) from the Mayor's Desk. This article professes to tell the story of the redevelopment process while in fact aggressively deflecting blame away from the El Cerrito City Council/Redevelopment Agency.

I was hired as manager of the El Cerrito Plaza in May of 1996 by Mr. Milton Bilak. I have 26 years of experience as a property/construction/leasing manager - real estate broker. I was hired because of Mr. Bilak's commitment to and plans for the redevelopment of the Plaza. This commitment was made prior to all this talk of condemnation and redevelopment by the city of El Cerrito. Because the city of El Cerrito did not like Mr. Bilak's plan, they decided to consider the site a "blighted" area, take his property and develop it themselves. This process has not only cost the merchants at the El Cerrito Plaza loss of business and revenue but is slated to cost the citizens of El Cerrito millions of dollars in tax revenues.

I have watched this process go on for the entire year plus that I have been here. I have seen certain members of the city council viciously attack a man that they do not know. I have seen certain members of the city council treat members of the community in a harsh and disrespectful manner at meetings and in the press and most importantly I have seen the morale of the merchants and shoppers at the El Cerrito Plaza continue to fall.

Elected officials should be above mudslinging. The merchants of the El Cerrito Plaza and the citizens of El Cerrito are its victims. The City Council/Redevelopment Agency needs to become gracious and responsive to the citizens who elected them. The City of El Cerrito cannot afford to condemn the private property of the El Cerrito Plaza. It needs to recognize this and engage in a purposeful relationship with the current owners of the Plaza, Milton Bilak and Lucky Stores, in order to direct a development of this project that will cost the least to the public and provide the greatest benefit.

WalMart is gone; the list of interested retail tenants continues to grow and the Plaza merchants and citizens of El Cerrito deserve immediate action.

Janet Jolley,
General Manager, El Cerrito Plaza

Save the El Cerrito Plaza

We as well as our neighbors and friends, are very discouraged at what seems the lack of drive and/or interest by the city of El Cerrito and those in charge to get the Plaza back on its feet NOW. It is devastating to see a once prosperous area sinking into decay and the fringe of becoming a ghetto. The Plaza is young in terms of buildings. It is ONLY 40 years old! Considering shopping areas and stores in other parts of our country and in Europe it is just a baby. The Emporium building was retrofitted and upgraded as well as remodelled shortly before it closed so it can't be in too bad of repair. With a little touch up, some remodelling in the entire Plaza, it should be ready for use within a very short time. Why do we need to tear down and have all these costly reports, surveys, studies, etc.? Just get in tenants and stop all this nonsense of tearing it down. The city's redevelopment doesn't have the money to develop it the way the chosen developer sees it and the citizenry doesn't either nor do they wish to wait for it to happen many years away. So many people in our community have already established new shopping patterns — Marin and Walnut Creek. Each year we are losing more revenue because of this and the fact that neighboring communities — San Pablo, El Sobrante, Emeryville are fast getting the shops and restaurants that could have been in business in the Plaza already. We will lose these merchants as they will not want to establish another store so close by. Revenues that housing in the Plaza or a small theater complex will never recoup the losses that will occur each year. Revenues may never come back if something isn't done in the next year. Promises are not enough, we want action and to see the shops in operation.

To get this going, perhaps the city and its officials should take another look at the proposal American Stores along with the Bilak Association presented at one of the public meetings. They at their own expense would remodel and bring in other merchants so that the Plaza could be in operation without disruption to the merchants already there — a viable shopping center would be ours once again. With this plan Lucky's could build their new store in the general area of where they are now but stay in business during the building. Merchants currently still braving it

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■ Letters to the Editor

Good fences, good neighbors

Editor:

I would like to thank the ladies who worked so hard and volunteered their labor and materials to fix part of the fence in Memorial Park at the softball field facing Thousand Oaks. It will be a big relief for me now that I won't have to worry about my child and dog going under the fence. It would be nice if the city would fix the rest of the fence and put in gates.

Name withheld by request
Albany

Public sector needed to spur development

Editor:

I am compelled to respond to George Amberg's letter attacking me for supposedly making "many erroneous" mistakes in my discussion about redevelopment. It was particularly disappointing to see someone I have known for some time simply concoct supposedly erroneous statements that I made so that he could demolish them. It is as easy to build a strawman as it is to knock him down.

For example, Amberg claims I said that the Redevelopment Agency has paid back the back charge for staff time. I never said that. I pointed out that since 1993 when the state began its \$211,000 a year transfer in tax dollars that had previously gone to the Agency, the Agency could no longer pay the \$144,000 a year back charge. My friend George Amberg also conveniently forgets that prior to this state grab of tax revenue the back charge was paid.

I was even more disheartened when I read statements in Amberg's letter that simply are not true. For example, Amberg wrote that "the data show that sales taxes were slightly less after the Target store opened than just before it was begun." The facts are that the annual sales tax receipts for the city prior to the opening of the Target store from the businesses at the site were only \$21,700 per year. The annual sales tax receipts from the Target store are \$245,000 a year, a modest \$222,300 increase. This \$222,300 increase in sales tax all goes to the city's general fund.

The opponents of redevelopment have tried to argue their case with this kind of strawman argument and incorrect statements to the public. But the fundamental problem is that George Amberg does not believe public funds should be used for revitalizing our city. He would rather wait for the private market to do this. To understand just what this would mean, it is useful again to turn to the Target store site. Before Target the site included 32 substandard dwelling units, a contaminated toxic site, a rundown bowling alley, and a number of vacant parcels, all of which was held in multiple ownerships. We would be waiting today for the private sector to step up to the plate first to buy all of these parcels to form one unit, then undertake a costly toxic cleanup and remove substandard

housing units, and finally to build something new and take the risks associated with that. No private developer would take such risks at such a high cost when he or she could take the same money and invest elsewhere with lower risk and a higher return.

Instead the redevelopment agency stepped in to shoulder those costs so that we could get a higher and more productive use out of those properties. Those costs were paid for out of the increase in the property tax in the form of the tax increment.

I believe there is a role for the public sector in shaping our city's economic future and in turning unproductive and underproductive commercial properties into more productive ones which will increase sales tax revenues that go directly to the city's general fund. While Amberg may claim he also supports such a role, he insists it be undertaken using the same criteria under the same conditions as the private sector would employ. The bottom line is that with Amberg's approach, however he wants to characterize it, we would still have a toxic site, substandard housing, and vacant land where Target now is.

Moreover, we have used our

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for the placement of parking lots and garages away from BART, near the freeway. It opts for human-scale development that encourages pedestrians and bicycles, and it suggests the need for public spaces that celebrate our history and give us character, and a stronger sense of place. It emphasizes the importance of restoring Cerrito Creek, and creating new green spaces, and planting trees throughout the city.

The students worked exceptionally hard to meet their tight deadline, and now that they have gone home, we'll have to start working to meet ours. These plans, along with the many useful and creative ideas that have been suggested by community members over the months, can serve to point us toward a better future. It's time for El Cerrito to set out a long-term goal that it can work toward, piece by piece. One step at a time, with vision and cooperation and will, we can make good things happen here.

Ah, but we are broke, you say. Who will pay for it, you ask. If we're smart about it, it will pay for itself. But it will take a lot of time, and patience, and a willingness to watch things grow slowly, naturally, more

Everybody's doing it

Writing to The Journal is now easier and more fun than ever thanks to this new-fangled e-mail. Fire up the computer, dash off your thoughts and zap them to us the modern way at hillsnews@aol.com or hillspub@idiom.com. Several of today's letters were sent that way, now you can join the fun, too.

redevelopment funds to build affordable housing for El Cerrito Seniors. Again, none of this housing has been or would have been built by the private sector because it would require below market rate rents. With redevelopment a good number of less fortunate elderly in our community can afford to live in El Cerrito. I think that is a good thing and reflects well on our community.

Art Schroeder
El Cerrito

The Prince and the Pauper

Editor:

When the Prince of Wales's summer school group left town this weekend, they left behind a gift that will go on giving. In less than two weeks, they took a crash course in El Cerrito planning politics, finance, history, demographics, topography, architecture, natural and unnatural resources, and transit schedules. They walked every inch of San Pablo Boulevard (how many El Cerrito residents can claim the same?), sized up the streets and buildings and spaces in between, photographed us from every angle, and met with countless members of the community: city officials and staff, merchants, neighborhood and other advocacy groups, transit representatives, developers, real estate economists, urban ecologists, and others.

When all was said, they had just one hectic week to come up with the centennial plan and drawings they presented to a standing-room-only crowd at the Fairmont School on Friday night. I don't know how they pulled it off, but I'm pretty sure that sleep is the one activity that wasn't on their agenda last week.

If I were a film reviewer, the little man would be falling out of his chair with applause.

The thoughtful and beautiful plans they left behind contain many good ideas — even some great ideas. Many of you will see your ideas reflected in the plans, because they based their strategy and designs on what you told them. The plan suggests the creation of a series of pedestrian-friendly neighborhood centers along San Pablo. It highlights the tremendous potential of the BART station areas to become unique regional centers. It argues

organically. There won't be any quick fixes. No instant big successes. No sudden fame and fortune or world renown. Just steady progress toward our goal, with small rewards and satisfaction at every turn.

In 20 years, when the students return for their El Cerrito reunion, I'm confident that we'll be able to show them around a real place. There will be a "there" here. Not a finished product, of course, but a work in progress. Because this is a project that never really ends.

Thanks to the Prince of Wales's summer school students, instructors, and staff, for giving us such a great jump start on our future.

Lori Dair
El Cerrito

Safe and sober surveying?

Editor:

In Thursday, July 31's edition of The Journal, there is a strange misuse of words in an article about "New Urbanism" in El Cerrito. She writes the POWIA has "been collecting information from the community, but has also been carousing the strip ..."

"Carousing" means having a drunken revel! I hope they were sober while surveying!

Minnie Favre
Member, Society for the
Preservation of English Language
and Literature

Which way will council go?

Editor:

Your Aug. 7, story on the Court's decision on the Albany Casino lawsuit failed to point out the ramifications of this "David and Goliath" saga.

The world's largest gambling organization narrowly won an election in the very small town of Albany for a mega-cardclub. Ladbroke, the gambling conglomerate, had four unfair advantages, two of which were illegal according to the Court's ruling. First, the Court ruled the casino project should have had an environmental impact report BEFORE being submitted to the voters, so voters could make informed decisions about the cardclub and neighboring communities could assess negative impacts. Second, the Court ruled that the ballot language prepared by the City

was biased IN FAVOR of the casino, a major move for governments as stated in our country's founding papers. How, according to the Judge who thought something didn't smell right, could anyone vote against a project which would create revenue, jobs, a Bay Trail and waterfront access for the City?

How, indeed! The other two advantages Ladbroke had were unlimited campaign coffers and city staff who concocted a budget designed to convince Albany voters the City needed this casino. If voters didn't choose the casino, the city would be bereft and might perhaps be incorporated into the City of Berkeley (yes, some casino proponents made such statements). Ladbroke paid the City \$100,000 to rush it to the ballot and spent another \$250,000 to convince residents it was the answer to endless tax increases and service cuts. In contrast, opponents to the casino spent about \$20,000 on the election. \$8,000 from residents and \$12,000 from a rival, local cardclub. Prior to the 1994 election, the most expensive campaign in Albany was a \$18,000 city council race by a mayor who himself promoted casino in 1994. Historically, Albany, pricey campaigns average \$2,000 to 5,000 for council seats. And the City's budget deficit has never materialized.

However, a city administrator did not show up after the deficit was printed and distributed on City letterhead, paid for by the gambling organization.

It's nice to know Court agreed with casino opponents in the 1994 vote was stacked from the beginning, that illegal and unfair advantages influenced voters. Now will our current City Council, in their wisdom, show some civic integrity and put the casino before the voters again this time in compliance with the law?

Jem Hall
Albany

'The heroes we are making'

The Journal received a copy the following, sent to columnist Martin Snapp:

I read with interest and enthusiasm your July 17 column in The Journal. The sentiments you expressed were very welcome, and in my view, overdue.

I am the Site Director at the Beginnings Children's Center in San Pablo and we agree with Strauss and Howe that improving nurturing is key to shaping and productive youngsters. The center the name is more than a name in that the most important goal of our early childhood curriculum is to help children become enthusiastic learners encourage them to be active creative explorers and assist in their development into independent, self-confident and inquisitive people.

Dr. Terrance Carter and Dr. Eugene Crayton, two young African American residents of Oakland, opened the center because they believe that infants and young children must have high quality care outside the home. They purchased and renovated a "surplus" school and assembled a professional and trained staff. Needless to say, I am extremely proud to be part of this organization and this project.

"Fourth Turnings" is on my must-read list and I am encouraging the staff and my friends to read it. It would be a pleasure to show you our center and "the heroes we are making."

Bonnie MacKenzie
Note to readers: Martin Snapp is still on the mend from eye surgery and will return with a column as soon as possible.

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Editor:
Where in "H" did the right endorsement behind last year's

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El Cerritos step out for safer city

By Greg Hugunin
EL CERRITO — With the belief that a united El Cerrito will prove stronger than one divided, some 350 neighborhood residents banded together last week for the city's first-ever National Night Out.

The event, part of a nationwide program estimated to have involved some 30 million persons in 9,000 communities, provided an opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another better and to take a bite out of crime. With participants ranging from young children to the city's own police chief and mayor, neighbors got together in 14 separate block party-style groups, eating hot dogs, munching cookies, and mingling with persons who might someday step up to help them in a time of need.

"It's a good excuse for people to get together and get to know their neighbors," said El Cerrito Police Chief Linda Fellers, who, along with Mayor Norma Jellison, McGruff the Crime Dog and a camera from the city's cable TV station, visited each of the block parties over the course of the evening-long event. "Our motivation is trying to get people involved. The police department can't be everywhere at once."

"The most important aspect of crime prevention is for everyone to know who their neighbors are," said Mario Canepa of the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee.



Police Chief Linda Fellers deputizes a young resident.

While the city may suffer no shortage of crime prevention and disaster preparedness programs, this event was held with a somewhat different goal. According to Jellison, the night out gave the various community groups a chance to meet on a more down-home level, gathering not on the basis of what their special interests are but rather on peoples' proximity to one another.

"I think it was a pretty successful first time, and I think it will grow from here," Jellison said.

Pat Cafel, coordinator for the

city's Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams, agreed, using the event to plug her program, in which neighbors are encouraged to band together to weather whatever emergency may occur.

"We just want to work together to increase safety in our community," Cafel said, adding that the NEAT program offers training in everything from first aid to search and rescue, skills which might someday help El Cerritos ride out the Big One (call 525-7268 or 215-4500 for details).

Those who found their way to the block parties seemed to like what they encountered. "I'm one of those people who's a working person and I don't get to see my neighbors all the time," said resident Barbara Bly.

Edwyna Elzie, who hosted a party in her garage in the hills, also came away with a positive experience. "It's more to meet everyone and know we look out for each other," said Elzie, adding that, after 20 years in her neighborhood, the night out proved the first time residents had a chance to get together all at once. "I wish that every community would do something like this," she said.

From the Mayor's Desk

Events, cooperation nurture strong sense of community

By Norma Jellison
El Cerrito Mayor

One distinguishing aspect of El Cerrito is the strong sense of neighborhood and community that prevails throughout our town.

Encouraging the continual strengthening of that sense of neighborhood and community has long been a motivating force for me and all of us on the city council. It is why we are so supportive of the Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams, Neighborhood Crime Watch and Adopt a Park programs.

All focus on bringing a neighborhood together for a purpose, and all have the bonus benefit of enhancing the camaraderie among the residents of the neighborhood. Several recent events highlighted this idea and are the kind of positive community events that make my job as Mayor such a pleasure.

National Night Out

El Cerrito's first foray into joining the millions of Americans participating in National Night Out was a rousing success. 14 events scattered across town ranged from BBQs, to a blocked off street for a nine block party, to flashlight and snowball walks gathering desserts and people from house to house, a joint meeting/party of two large NEAT groups at the clubhouse at Arlington Park, to small gatherings in neighbors' homes. While several of the neighborhoods hosting events are already organized as Neighborhood Crime Watch

groups or Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams, two separate neighborhood events were organized by couples who recently moved to El Cerrito and used National Night Out as an opportunity to meet their neighbors.

At another event, a private school hosted the gathering to initiate discussions about working together with the neighborhood to get organized for emergencies.

Police Chief Linda Fellers, Det. Scott Erwin, the Department National Night Out Coordinator McGruff the Crime Dog, and I were able to visit all of the 14 events.

Lloyd Jung, Chair and Walter Nelson, Vice Chair of the Crime Prevention committee, and Pat Cafel our Volunteer NEAT Coordinator and a NEAT team leader also visited our National Night Out participants. What an inspiring evening.

Over and over we heard what a wonderful opportunity it was for neighbors to gather together and visit, and in so doing strengthen ties and agree to look out for one another and their neighborhood.

During this coming year, we hope to encourage more of our neighborhoods to organize as NEAT/Neighborhood Watch groups. I'm hoping next year's National Night Out will be even bigger with more neighborhoods participating.

Watch for the taped program of this event on our local public access Channel 25, Sept. 2 at noon and 8 p.m. and Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. Cable Channel 26 will also broadcast this program soon.

Parks has friends

Another shining example of a neighborhood that has pulled together for a purpose and in so doing built a supportive group and strong ties between families, is the Pointsett Park neighborhood. In a previous column, I talked about the daylighting of Pointsett Creek through this neighborhood park as a part of the storm drain and creek restoration program made possible by the 1993 bond measure. While much of the initial plantings were installed as part of that reconstruction effort, the Friends of Pointsett Park have participated every step of the way. They turned out on Earth Day to spruce up the park and plant some trees. On a recent weekend, they again came out to plant a number of additional shrubs and flowers on the north side of the creek.

A south side planting in the near future will complete that phase of the park improvement project but a crowning jewel will be the installing of new playground equipment, made possible by the dedicated fundraising efforts of the Friends. Over a two-year period, the Friends approached businesses, foundations, wrote grant applications and hosted many yard sales and other fund raisers to gather the money to purchase new playground equipment for their neighborhood park. Their persistence and dedication paid off and new equipment is on order to replace the 1960s era swings

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El Cerrito High School cleanup effort can use your help

Parents and students invite community to pitch in this weekend

With its outstanding teachers and an incredibly talented and diverse student body, we can all be proud of El Cerrito High School. Unfortunately, the current status of the school's physical facility does not reflect the great beauty within. Teachers and students have standard restrooms, classrooms dimmed by boarded up windows, graffitied walls, and a weathered Gaucha sign that causes people to wince as they drive by.

Fortunately, a group of parents and students have decided to take action. Their goal: Welcome the Class of 2001 with spotless restrooms, classrooms with room numbers, a fresh coat of paint, windows to replace plywood, and a refurbished Gaucha sign on the corner of Ashbury and Eureka. The group is sponsoring two community work days this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17 beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

According to organizer Janet McKnight, an ECHS parent and WCCUSD elementary school

teacher, "There is plenty of work for all — each work day has been carefully planned and people of all skill levels are welcome." To participate, meet outside the front entrance to the high school on Ashbury. Organizers will be on-hand passing out assignments and volunteers will work in crews with one person designated as job supervisor.

McKnight and other parent and student organizers have also been actively seeking help from the larger business community for the materials and supplies needed for the work days. Virginia Clark and the Richmond Chapter of the California Conservation Corps will be providing a fully equipped crew of 12. Big 4 Rents on San Pablo Dam Road is contributing a chipper and three brush cutters for the weekend. Local landscaper Kevin Berndt has given hours to the project.

The group has set some ambitious goals and everyone's help and contributions are necessary to guarantee the success of the event. Areas of work

include: inside of the school (room numbers, scouring of restrooms, updating of trophy cases, etc.), yard clean up, and painting of structures on the football field.

Getting the school up to snuff for its fall opening is clearly a major goal of the parents and students organizing the work days, but their longer-range objectives touch at the heart of the relationship between the school and surrounding community. Ultimately, they want ECHS to be at the center of community life in El Cerrito. McKnight said, "We want ECHS not only to be a clean, healthful, and positive school for our children but also a place that the El Cerrito community can be proud of. We want all community members to feel an integral part of the school, valued and respected."

This weekend will be a great time to show the students and teachers at ECHS that we care

about them and the environment they teach and learn in. Even a little of your time and resources will go a long way.

Contact McKnight at 525-3272 for work day information, donations, or other support you can provide.

New Principals Announced

At its regular meeting Aug. 6, the WCCUSD school board approved the appointment of two new principals. David Moss will take over the principal position at De Anza High School. Moss was

formerly a vice-principal in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Rosalyn Morgan Upshaw will be the new principal at Kennedy High School.

Upshaw was formerly principal at Bayview Elementary and most recently a high school principal in the Pittsburgh Unified School District.

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West County School Watch
By Glen Price

School Watch is also on the World Wide Web: <http://www.igc.org/westcounty/>

Local multicultural group wins grant

The California Council for the Humanities awarded "Celebrating Culture and Community" of El Cerrito a grant for \$1,800 on Aug. 4 to support a series of programs exploring the diverse cultural traditions and histories of the residents of West Contra Costa County.

The Council's grant will enable

the CCC to organize "Melting Pot or Salad Bowl: Meanings of Culture and Community in West Contra Costa County," a series of roundtable discussions, interviews with local scholars and community representatives, and public forums. The series will begin in August.

Live events will be recorded for

later broadcast over local cable vision.

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Police Reports

Several methamphetamine arrests logged

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On Aug. 4 at 12:15 a.m. on the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue, a Richmond man was pulled over and found to be in possession of methamphetamine. On July 31, a Fremont man was pulled over on the corner of Central and San Pablo and found to be in possession of one-half ounce of marijuana.

• On Aug. 3, a Richmond man was found to be in possession of methamphetamine when pulled over on San Pablo and Waldo Lane. On Aug. 8, an El Cerrito man was pulled over on Shasta and Carlson and found to be in possession of methamphetamine. On Aug. 2, a San Pablo man and a Pinole man

were arrested after being stopped on San Pablo and Cutting and found to be in possession of methamphetamine. A Richmond man was pulled over on Carlson and San Jose on Aug. 11 and found to be in possession of a controlled substance.

• On Aug. 10, a San Pablo man attempted to evade a police officer while driving. When he was eventually pulled over on Carlson Blvd. at Shasta, he was found to be intoxicated.

• A Richmond man stopped on Aug. 3 at 2 a.m. was found to be in possession of stolen property. A San Pablo man was pulled over on Colusa and Santa Fe and found to be in possession of burglary tools and stereo equipment missing the serial numbers.

• On Aug. 2 at a record store on the 9000 block of San Pablo Avenue, after three juveniles were in the cassette tape area, a store clerk found a broken empty cassette tape case.

• On Aug. 2 at 9:45 a.m., a Berkeley man stole a street sign and fled in a vehicle. A witness wrote down the man's license plate number and called police. They later arrested the man for petty theft.

• On the 2500 block of Tamalpais Drive on Aug. 1, someone stole a cellular phone and cash from an unlocked Toyota van. A cellular phone was found on Central and Ashbury on April 29.

• On July 31 a Hispanic 20-some-

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Do you know where your kids (and your car) are?

By K. Osborne

ALBANY — At about 3 a.m. on Aug. 6 officers observed an '88 Oldsmobile exit a convenience store on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue driving erratically at a high rate of speed and hitting another car. The vehicle proceeded east on Marin Avenue. The car was finally stopped at Tulare Avenue. The driver was found to be a 14-year-old Novato girl. The other three passengers were two girls and one boy, 13 and 14 years old, also from Novato. They were all too young to have a driver's license and the car was reported stolen by the parents of the driver. All the youths were

taken to the police station and their parents were called. The driver was arrested for hit and run and released to her parents with a Notice to Appear. The other youths were released to their parents.

• Just after midnight on Aug. 4 officers stopped a man who was crossing against the signal on San Pablo Avenue near Washington Avenue. He was found to have an old traffic warrant for, of all things, crossing against a signal. He was arrested for the outstanding warrant, cited and released.

• At about 1 a.m. on Aug. 4 officers attempted to stop a '96 Ford T-Bird for reckless driving on

Buchanan Street near Jackson Street. The driver wouldn't stop and a short pursuit ensued. When contacted, the driver and passenger were found to be 15-year-old boys from Richmond and El Cerrito. Neither had a driver's license and the car was reported as stolen from one of the boy's parents. They both were arrested and released to their parents with a Notice to Appear.

• At about 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 4 officers contacted a transient man from Berkeley who was trespassing on private property on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway. He

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Ignorance no excuse with Albany lawman's nationally lauded course

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — With the hope that an informed youth population will be one that is more accepting of the law, Police Chief Larry Murdo has been teaching middle and high school students the ins and outs of the United States Constitution, a move he says has gained him national recognition.

The course, taught in Albany schools since 1992, introduces youths to the law not in the realm of the theoretical, but in every day situations. Covering subjects which range from the difference between detention and arrest to times when, if they wish to, youths may ignore officers and simply walk away, the program was recently featured in an article — written by Murdo himself — in the FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin, eliciting responses from dozens of agencies across the country.

As requests for information have poured in from as far away as Iowa, Mississippi and Massachusetts, Murdo himself has been sending off dozens of informational packets detailing the course. While the issue of police relations with youth was raised fairly often in the city's Youth Task Force reports, according to Murdo, many perceived conflicts are easily avoidable when all parties understand their duties — and rights — under the law.

"What was causing a lot of misconceptions about how the officers were acting was misinformation of disinformation about what was lawful or unlawful," Murdo said. "This is not information that should be arcane and esoteric. You need this in your hands so you can make an informed judgment about your behavior."

Co-taught at times by Berkeley-based constitutional law attorney Anna De Leon, the course focuses on practical applications of the Bill of Rights, such as when a search may be conducted by police and when a warrant is not needed for such an action. According to Murdo's article, "While traditional government, history, and social studies classes touch upon major themes that underpin the legal system, they rarely explore the more practical aspects of the law that youths might encounter."

For example, while some youths interviewed by *The Journal* earlier this year complained that police regularly follow them, according to the program, such contacts fall within the boundaries of legal propriety. Also, while officers have the right to approach youths — or adults, for that matter — in any public place, those approached are often entitled to simply walk away, a right that, according to Murdo, some have exercised after taking the course.



Greg Hugunin

Police Chief Larry Murdo has received national recognition for teaching about the U.S. Constitution.

"If that is their right, they need to be advised of that," Murdo said. "As I told the kids, make government prove its case."

Or, under the category of "exigent circumstances" — situations that allow officers to enter one's home without a search warrant — students learned that, in cases where life, property or evidence may be in danger, normal protection under the Fourth Amendment may not apply. And, while a person's home may be considered their castle, the same cannot be said of one's car, which may be searched after arrest.

Also, another facet of the law the program stresses is that people who believe they are being impinged upon unfairly would do best to pursue remedy — often meaning "dollars" — in court, as opposed to physically resisting at the time.

Officers from around the country seemed much impressed with Murdo's program. "Though (ours) is a small community, my department is continually being challenged by the youth as to what they believe their rights are," wrote Kim Hammond, Chief of Police in Gunter, Texas, in requesting a copy of the program.

"I agree that teaching youth about the law may alleviate problems with youth in our communities," wrote Lloyd Scharf, who heads the police department in Ontario, Calif.

"That says what you've done has some value in policing," said Murdo of the some 60 letters he received. And while Albany police will not — as they did with their "Elvis and the Lawman" program — take the show on the road, Murdo hopes he has planted seeds with will bear fruit across the nation.

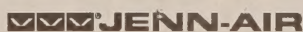
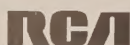
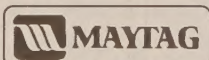
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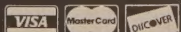
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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce By Sewall Glinternick

Fiesta co-sponsors, financial backers sought

Next Chamber Mixer Aug. 27

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Mixer on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at California Federal Bank in El Cerrito Plaza.

Hosting the event, which will be open to all members and friends, will be branch manager Yolanda Stenmark.

An R.S.V.P. to the Chamber office by calling 233-7040 is not required, but would be helpful in planning for this event.

Fiesta planning underway

Three local firms have already signed on as financial backers of the Chamber of Commerce's Second Annual October Fiesta, it was announced this week.

Among the first businesses to agree to back the local event were Mail Boxes Etc., Sunset View Cemetery Association, and Larry Seidell Chevron/Seidell Enterprises Inc.

Other local firms interested in becoming co-sponsors of financial backers of this year's October Fiesta are urged to call the Chamber office at 233-7040 as soon as possible.

In addition to hunting co-sponsors and financial backers, the '97 Fiesta Committee — headed by El Cerrito Plaza manager Janet Jolley — is also

soliciting applications from potential exhibitors. Exhibitor applications are now available and can be obtained by visiting or calling the Chamber office.

This year's festivities, which will simultaneously celebrate El Cerrito's 80th anniversary and the citywide Fall Round-Up Sale Days, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the El Cerrito Plaza.

Admission to the one-day celebration will be free. Featured at the Fiesta will be food produced by top area restaurants, products by leading craftspeople, special displays, continuous free entertainment throughout the mall, and special activities for youngsters.

Assisting Jolley in planning this event are Chamber President June Boblitt of Full Circle Travel, Chamber First Vice President Larry Sanchez of Marvin Collins Construction, Chamber Director Mike Klinger of Sunset View Cemetery Association, Barbara Cronin of Mechanics Bank, Will Chun of Mail Boxes Etc., Chamber member Bob Winslow, and Chamber Manager Sewall Glinternick.

A blending of new and old

Fortune Paging and Gifts at 10408-A San Pablo Ave., one of the chamber's newer members, is

a firm where both modern and ancient cultures have been harmoniously blended.

The new is represented by a large stock of pagers, while the old is symbolized by a selection of silk string needed for the ancient art of Chinese "knotting."

According to Mrs. Connie Chen, owner/operator of the establishment, she now has some 100 pagers in stock — with new models arriving weekly. They range in price from \$39 up, and include from two months to a year free service.

Since her company can activate service immediately on purchase, Mrs. Chen says, "Customers can walk right out of the store with a fully functioning pager."

"Today, pagers are used by everyone — both young and old. It allows youngsters to keep in touch with each other, is a good way for parents to stay in contact with children, and helps business people be in constant communication with their office."

For those who prefer facilities for even closer contact, Fortune Paging and Gifts offers cellular phones — complete with free activation.

But what really makes this El Cerrito business unique is the fact that it encourages and teaches "Chinese knotting," an extremely decorative folk art that got its start in pre-industrial China.

Knot tying, explains Mrs. Chen, was once considered an essential skill for all young unmarried Chinese women to master. The techniques of knot tying were passed on orally from grandmother to mother to daughter.

Using a single strand of cord, the women of ancient China created intricate works of art which served as part of tassels decorating fans, scepters, sashes and belts. Precious stones were often secured with decorative knots so they could be worn gracefully around the waist.

"The knots, often tied in the shape of both real and mythical

animals, were also tied for their symbolic value," Mrs. Chen said.

"The double coin knot symbolizes wealth, and the long winding knot unending life and blessing. The peach knot represents the fullness and sweetness of life, and for women's fertility. The turtle knot celebrates longevity and modesty. The round knot portrays the reunion of the family, or the continued togetherness of the married couple."

"Far beyond their practical and decorative value, the knotwork also embodied the hopes and inspirations of the people who tied them — as well as those who wore them."

With the arrival of the industrial age, knot tying reached a point where it was in danger of becoming a lost art. However, according to Mrs. Chen, Chinese knotting was rediscovered in the mid-1970s and is once again becoming a widespread hobby.

Interest in knot tying has grown tremendously in El Cerrito, said Mrs. Chen, who showed her work at the recent Fourth of July Community Celebration here.

To meet this growing local interest, she is now offering one-on-one courses in string art. Each course consists of four weekly hour and a half classes. Sessions are held Monday through Saturday from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Prospective students are asked to contact Mrs. Chen at 528-6780 to arrange a convenient schedule.

In addition to the unusual, Fortune Paging and Gifts also sells an interesting selection of small imported gifts — including music boxes, jewelry, hair accessories, small bags, backpacks and dolls. The firm also offers free estimates on TV and VCR repairs, and has Chinese videos available for rent.

A native of Taiwan, Mrs. Chen came to the United States in 1989 and began her first business venture in 1995, when she opened her San Pablo Avenue store "in an



Chamber of Commerce Manager Sewall Glinternick (left) presents Chamber President June Boblitt (center) with a membership plaque. Fortune Pager and Gifts with a membership plaque.

effort to introduce the people of El Cerrito to Chinese culture."

She became so fond of doing business here that she also took over ownership of Best Video Shop on San Pablo Avenue early this year.

Assisting Mrs. Chen in running Fortune Paging and Gifts is her daughter Julie, a graduate of El Cerrito High School who plans to attend UC Davis this fall.

Mrs. Chen lives in El Cerrito with her husband Chilo, her daughter Julie, and her son Henry.

Bad check program

Started earlier this year and then discontinued, a Bad Check Restitution Program conducted by the Contra Costa District Attorney's office has resumed.

The primary goal of this program is to recover and return 100 percent restitution from the bad check writer to the victim while, at the same time, spending

no tax money or charging the victim a fee.

In order to participate in the District Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program, El Cerrito businesspeople must first file a Merchant Agreement form when they begin utilizing the program.

The agreement form and information on how to file a bad check complaint may be obtained by writing to: Contra Costa District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Program, 6680 Alhambra Ave., Box 428, Martinez, 94553, or by calling (888) 556-8183.

Notary service offered

The services of a notary public are now available at Del Norte Check Cashing, 11260 San Pablo Ave. In addition to cashing checks and issuing money orders, store owner Frisco Del Rosario was recently granted permission to notarize documents.

Community offerings on EC cable

EL CERRITO — Maybe you missed the workshops and presentation by the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture. Maybe you couldn't participate in last week's "National Night Out." You can always keep touch via *The Journal*, of course, but you can also catch highlights on television.

Cable TV subscribers can see city news and community events on cable Channel 25 at noon on Mondays and Thursdays and at 8 p.m. every other Monday.

See Part II of the Prince of Wales's Institute's study process next Monday at noon and 8 p.m. and Thursday at noon.

The Poinsett Creek restoration and adopt-a-park program are the focus the following Monday (Aug. 25) and Thursday at noon.

Catch up with Part III of the Prince of Wales students' program on Monday Sept. 1 and the following Thursday. The subsequent Monday and Thursday feature the dedication of Fire Station No. 72. Future topics will include affordable family housing, trees suitable for planting here, community policing, NEAT program, city recreation programs, Ohlone Greenway update, General Plan update, tour of San Pablo Avenue redevelopment projects and the Education Fund.

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Addarash features international cuisine with American and Italian dishes including steaks, fish, chicken and pasta. They invite all to try the char broiled top sirloin steak. "Moreover, we thought that introducing Ethiopian cuisine, which we know best, would be unique and

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Photography is only part of story of camera club members

In its 51 years of existence, this is the first time the Berkeley Camera Club has held a membership exhibition. Amazing, isn't it? Most camera clubs I know of have at least one annual show.

Well, says President Takane Eshima, BCC does have slide shows at almost every meeting when members see their colleagues' work, and often individual members have exhibits at various places around the city. But the first membership show is only now being held.

So I went to see it, and I was very impressed. I saw Eshima's work. Eshima, being an architect, finds that his photos have an architectural quality. I especially liked the one of St. Mark's taken through uprights in a parking garage. So did the judges in a show for he has won a prize for this photo.

When I asked show chair Bu Wirth why she had no pictures in the show, she replied she has just been too busy in recent years. It may be the time she spent in China teaching English, or the three years she spent in the Peace Corps, which sent her to Hungary, also to teach English, mostly to people who were going into technical fields. She treasures the time she spent there, and did take many slides. In fact, she has been spending her time trying to organize the slides she has. She just hasn't had the time to work on photographs for the show.

And, of course, she has worked very hard organizing the show. I looked at the photos of Bill Jolley, a professor emeritus in chemistry I introduced readers to

him about two years ago, when he explained his new process of photography, which he calls the chrymoskiasier process. We were in awe of it then, and remain so. Bill is a professor emeritus of chemistry.

It was Myra Windmiller who called me about the exhibit, and I thought I recognized her in her photographs. They were all texture and shadow. Myra also belongs to the Alameda Photography Club and she has had exhibits of her own.

Larry Wolfley photographs a lot of Telegraph Avenue, particularly the homeless people on that very Berkelyan street. He has shown at the Mediterranean on Telegraph, and is well known by the people in that area. He also did a great deal of work in readying the show.

Eshima mentions Marian Ongarth, saying, "we thought she was just around, but she came out with some wonderful imagery." and he adds, "We have had many surprises in this show."

Club member Leo dos Remedios, a retired pediatrician, travels widely throughout the year. "We can never pin him down," Eshima says. "He is always traveling somewhere." Leo had a photo that really grabbed me, and that Eshima explained, was only a portion of a larger photo. The portion I saw was a baby zebra whose eyes appeared, wide and curious, over the back of what was probably his mother, with other of the striped creatures around.

"Different people, different kinds of interests," is how

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



members described their club, and it was obvious that these were different interesting people and their interests were fascinating.

The club has about 100 to 150 members, many of whom participated in the show in one way or another. The show is being held in a building owned by Bonnie Hughes, a building on the corner of Bancroft and Shattuck that used to be a bank. A wonderful space, and the members built partitions and painted so that it is a perfect background for the wonderful photographs.

Takane Eshima told me also, about another pet project of his. There is a photo of his showing a part of the Cypress Freeway. He said he has photographed the building of the Cypress from day one, making a complete record of its progress and the wonders and difficulties it has entailed. When I mentioned how startled I had been to drive under a piece of that freeway, which was hanging over the onramp to the bridge, he explained the rather incredible journey the section had taken to get to that point. Brought down by barge, it had to be welded to the barge so that it would not move, unwelded when it arrived in Oakland and welded, again to the truck that took it to the site. Hundreds of tons of concrete, meticulously put together, strengthened, barged to Oakland and finally put in place to make a full, graceful freeway. And he has

photographed all of it.

I don't know which I found more interesting, the photos or the people, but the photos were very much a part of the people.

The Berkeley Camera Club does more than show each others slides. They have a routine. On the first Tuesday of the month they do color slides. On second Tuesdays black and white and color prints for comments and/or judging, with educational meetings on alternate months featuring workshops, portfolios and speakers.

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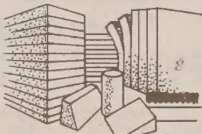
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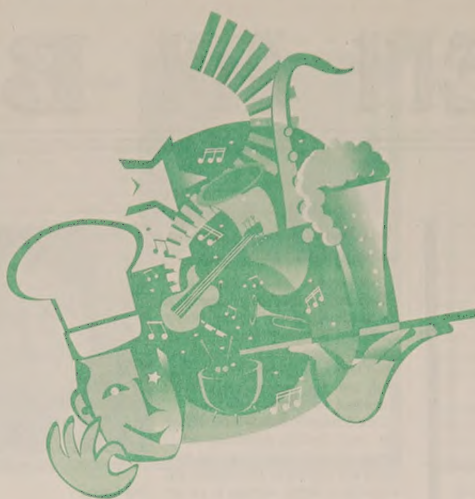
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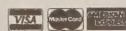
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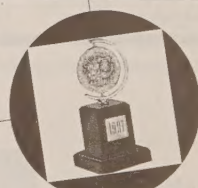
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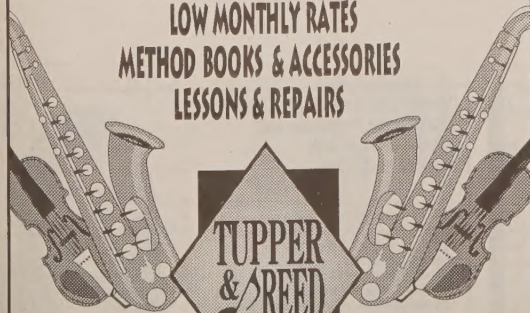


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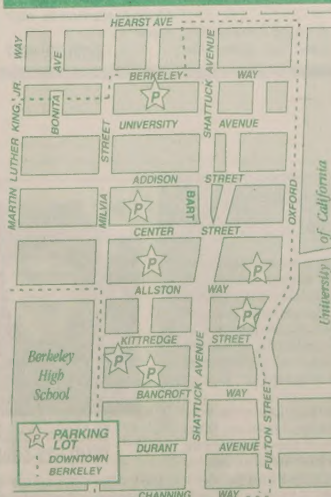
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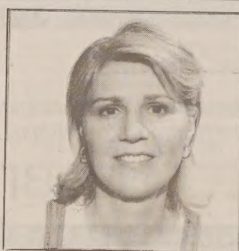
Women In Business is a special feature recognizing women throughout the East Bay and the variety of professions they are pursuing. The following photo profile section provides valuable resource information to businesses and individuals and reveals a variety of professions established by women.

Opportunities continue to present themselves as more and more women-owned businesses develop. This feature not only pays tribute to women, but offers a glimpse into the various backgrounds and accomplishments they have achieved.

Beverly Duhon - Proprietor

"It was about time to indulge my great passion for architectural details, decorating and gardening," said Beverly Duhon, Proprietor of Savvy Salvage, her new business located at 4385 Piedmont Avenue. Savvy Salvage features old and new architectural elements, urns, statuary, and garden furniture for home and garden.

Working only part-time as the Executive Director of eight nonprofit organizations for the past five years provided the time, at home, to establish an interest in gardening. Many weeks spent traveling throughout the nation and Europe during that period stimulated an already well established appreciation of old and modern architecture. And, before then, a long corporate career at Cost Plus and Gump's provided a solid background in retail store operations.



For Beverly Duhon, Savvy Salvage, her new business venture, is a combination of the elements of her past and exciting entree to the future.

Beverly Duhon
(510) 655-8877

Laurie Klein - Back in Balance

Laurie Klein is one of a kind. Her nine years as a massage therapist have left her fluent in the language our bodies speak. Sports, work injuries, repetitive movements and stresses of life have reprogrammed our minds and bodies. Each of us needs a gentle touch and a treatment modality that is an exact fit. Dr. Klein listens, looks and prepares her patients with muscle relaxing orthopedic body work. With such preparation, adjustments are deftly achieved.

Dr. Klein lives her commitment to wellness whether accompanying cyclists on the AIDS Ride, walking the golf course giving advice and spinal evaluations or caring for families in rural Mexico. Doctor Klein nurtures those in her care.

Her office, Back in Balance, is located



at Grand and Elwood Avenues in the Grandlake/Piedmont neighborhood, seconds off highways 580 and 24.

495 Elwood Avenue, #2, Oakland
(510) 444-8494

Patricia Jennerjohn - Focused Finances

If you're like most women, you're probably too busy taking care of others to take care of yourself - particularly when it comes to your money.

Consider turning to an independent, fee-only financial planner. Patricia Jennerjohn, MBA, CFP, dedicates a large part of her practice, Focused Finances, to helping women. "I enjoy helping women focus and organize their financial goals, so they can build a nest egg for themselves," explains Pat. "Sometimes it's as simple as making a commitment to watch impulse buying and pay yourself first."

Women's financial well-being depends on issues unique to their gender - this has nothing to do with smarts, savvy, or character, but lots to do with demographics and biology. For example, women are expected to live for at least 19 years in



retirement, four years longer than men. "It's never too late for women to start planning," says Pat.

Focused Finances
763-3851

Patty Fulloon Color, Beauty & Image Consultant

Do you find that you wear 20% of your wardrobe 80% of the time?

Too often we are dictated to by fashions and trends rather than knowing our own personal style. I have given numerous private, as well as group consultations over the past 4 years and have learned women want more than just more make-up. What excites me about my business is helping women discover their own personal style and then teaching them how to best express it. I take into consideration ones body structure, coloring, facial features, hair, and personality to determine one's "clothing personality" - i.e. "classic", "natural", "dramatic" etc... No one walks away without understanding what colors, lines and designs are flattering to them. I work closely with professional hair stylist Gino Chiodo and accessorizer Molly Starr, to complete any look.



A workshop and fashion show demonstrating "different personalities" will be held on October 8th at the Piedmont Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 510-654-4250.

Color, Beauty & Image Consultant
654-4250

Teri White - General Manager, Beauty Center, Inc.

Professional Beauty Supply Retailer and Salon Services

After working in the beauty industry for over 13 years, Teri White is adept in truly all aspects of the beauty industry. Her product knowledge, hands on experience, marketing, catching perfectionist attitude, and unremitting customer service have made her general manager of a retail chain. Recently she has coordinated the opening of a new location that is breathtakingly attractive to new and repeat customers.

"The beauty industry has grown immensely over the last 10 years. Today's consumer has more product awareness, is more knowledgeable about ingredients, and uses more professional products than ever before."

Teri's attitude of "no job is too small or challenge too great" has proven her



success.

"Helping customers choose exactly what they need to look and feel their best is an exciting reward. My goal is to provide the most up to date products, services and personal attention to each individual's needs."

(510) 595-6617

Meet Ramona Chang...

A true professional with 30+ years in real estate, Ramona was a multi-million dollar producer her first year as an agent, and every year since then. "I started my career working for my Dad. He is now my mentor and competitor." She also worked as an appraiser, working her way up to broker, and now manages three locations. But what makes Ramona stand out in the real estate crowd is her ability to help people completely through a transaction. Ramona's portfolio includes many awards and accomplishments. But none are as important as the "caring commitment to her clients."

"It's not a job, it's my life choice," says Ramona. "I give my clients good reasons for doing business with me and then I back it up with great service. Real estate is for organized people with a plan. Then, if you're prepared, it's easy. Plus, I close the transaction."



Ramona also serves as President of Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter.

Ramona Chang
Chang & Hardeman Real Estate
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(510) 537-3800 Hayward

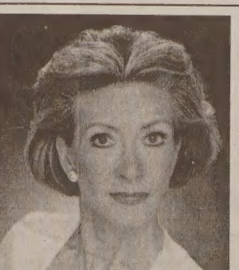
Shirley Sutherland, Owner Designer's Choice

No matter what the occasion, you will discover at Designer's Choice the perfect outfit as well as fashion advice delightfully advised by proprietress Shirley Sutherland. Though tucked away behind Park Street, this tiny yet charming shop is brim full of jewelry, beaded scarves, evening bags, dress suits, leather purses, cocktail wear, handmade jackets, belts, bangles and more.

Treat yourself to a new look - expand your closet to include just enough glamor and a little more magic. Let Shirley's eye for flair show you how to accent a simple outfit with a scarf and belt, or add that finishing touch for business, evening or play. Whatever your lifestyle, Designer's Choice offers a fresh look and an intriguing selection of fashions, trinkets and treasures.

As a licensed cosmetologist-instructor for 25 years, Shirley has a wealth of information regarding skin care and carries the full line of Murad. Her first hand experience is invaluable if you have questions regarding what product will be best for you.

And to make shopping easy for the gentlemen, gift certificates are available. Designer's Choice, located at 1347 Park



Shirley Sutherland
(510) 769-0819

St., Ste. C, is open 7 days a week. The entrance is located in the City Parking Lot on Central between Park and Oak, next to the Courtyard Restaurant.

Kathy McIntire Balloon Mania

If your occasion is one that should be remembered with style, don't blow it - call Balloon Mania! Owner Kathy McIntire is in her twelfth year of serving the Bay Area with full service balloon promotion and decorating for clients such as Marine World, the Oakland A's, Jack London Square, Clorox, Lucky's and other prominent companies, as well as large and small weddings and private parties.

Kathy, a Registered Nurse, moved to the Bay Area after graduating from Nursing School and worked for a travel agency before starting Balloon Mania after the birth of her last child. Her knack for combining colors and designs helps to personalize each event to the particular occasion and mood desired.

From table centerpieces, balloon 'trees,' arches and backdrops to wall and ceiling arrangements and balloon drops and releases, Balloon



Balloon Mania
(510) 522-5808

Mania offers an extensive assortment of coordinated colors, styles and sizes in both latex and mylar balloons.

Call Kathy for a free consultation to see how you can transform your event into a truly memorable occasion.

Deborah L. Coleman, RNNP, CNM OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife Women's Health Care

For many women, choosing between a traditional obstetrician and a certified nurse-midwife can be a difficult decision. While appreciating the clinical expertise of the physician, they long for the support and more hands-on approach of a nurse-midwife.

Enter Deborah Coleman, an experienced nurse practitioner and certified midwife who provides the full range of women's obstetrical and gynecological services including menopause counseling. Debby works in conjunction with East Bay Perinatal Medical Associates of Oakland, Walnut Creek and San Ramon, the region's leading physician group of obstetrical specialists.

Each patient has access to East Bay Perinatal physicians for prenatal diagnostic testing (ultrasound, amniocentesis, CVS), or treatment for any complication of pregnancy. Debby's practice offers women the best of both worlds: the personal attention of an experienced midwife backed by a highly competent group of obstetrical specialists. Debby provides her patients with professional,



Deborah Coleman
(510) 814-9374

personalized care that integrates the patient's physical and spiritual needs. To schedule an appointment in the Alameda or Oakland office, contact Debby at 814-9374.

Montclair Electrolysis

by Naomi

Ever wondered how those movie stars keep their skin so perfect? Just maybe they had a little help! Naomi Eilat is aware of people's low self-esteem due to unwanted hair on face, back, neck, anywhere! Under Naomi's state-licensed professional hair-removal system, the embarrassment, the constant plucking, shaving or waxing, can all be a thing of the past. Personal changes are common due to hair removal, especially in teenagers who need to develop confidence for their long hair ahead. Athletes have it done for growth and mature women with busy lives need its great time-saving benefits. It's a time-honored hair-removal system since 1875 and the only method proven to be permanent. Only sterile needles are used, and the procedure is made as painless as possible. Each person's pain



threshold is taken into full consideration, and the whole process ends up being quite comfortable with Naomi's professional touch. Call for an appointment now.

Naomi Eilat, R.E.
at Avalon - The Full Service Salon
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Jayne Robertson Personal Trainer - Fitness Consultant Fitness & Beyond Personalized Training

Fitness & Beyond is a private exercise studio designed to completely customize the workout experience for its clients. It is a unique and exclusive environment unmatched by traditional commercial health clubs and fitness centers.

Jayne says, "having recently arrived from Australia to the Bay Area, I saw this as a golden opportunity to fulfill a dream, that of opening my own studio where I could give full focus to clients. By doing so, results are enhanced plus I have the added advantage of being able to offer an environment where people feel comfortable, it's private and no distractions exist to take you away from your workout."

Jayne holds advanced degrees in Exercise & Sports Science and has applied her knowledge to clients in the areas of sports specific training, strength, nutrition,



fat loss, rehabilitation (cardiac & injury) and improved health for the past 15 years. The essence of this approach is holistic, ultimately leading the client to long-term and healthier lifestyle changes.

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Bonnie Headlee - The Trades Guild

Need a painter? A plumber? A general contractor? Bonnie Headlee, founder of The Trades Guild, knows how frustrating finding a reliable, reputable contractor can be. Now in its eighth year, The Trades Guild helps East Bay consumers find quality tradespeople. They've made over 100,000 referrals to homeowners in 70 Bay Area communities. From architects to painters to tree trimmers, and more!

With a single phone call, you receive the names and phone numbers of local contractors who have passed The Trades Guild's strict requirements, including a personal interview, portfolio review, and written references from previous customers. They also verify the license, bond, insurance, & current complaint record with other consumer agencies. And the referrals are FREE, with no hidden percentages.



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Leslie Landberg - Personal Trainer

Did you know that close to 100% of women are about 30% of men in the US are dangerously calcium deficient and that a vigorous daily workout featuring weight resistance exercises is the very best way to keep your bone tissue against loss?

Bone loss, or osteoporosis, affects 28 million men and women annually. Particularly susceptible are postpartum, menopausal and peri-menopausal (ages 35 to 48) women, who are subject to severe bone loss, resulting in fused spinal cords or "dowagers' hump".

I defeated chronic fatigue syndrome, and diabetes, hypothyroidism, rheumatoid arthritis and multiple food allergies by developing a personal regimen of dietary changes, advanced supplementation and moderate to intense exercise, including weight resistance, cardio and stretching.



Please contact me if you are experiencing weight gains and fatigue, in spite of dieting and exercise

**Leslie Landberg
(510) 535-0800**

Kelley Swanstrom Hair Tailor

Kelley Swanstrom has recently joined the staff of the Hair Tailor Salon at 2068 Antioch Court in Montclair. She brings with her over eight years of experience in up-to-date hair styling and color application.

Kelley's philosophy of a "natural-sophisticated look" for her clientele is apparent in the subtle approach she has with color techniques and great hair cuts. She recognizes that her clients are busy raising families and handling careers and enjoys creating unique, individual styles designed to meet their changing needs.



**Kelley Swanstrom
Hair Tailor Salon
2068 Antioch Court
Montclair Village
(510) 339-3700**

Edith Marcus, Realtor Buyers' Agent Exclusively

I consider myself a consummate professional Realtor. Real Estate has been my career for the past 20 years and with ever changing laws and their effects on my clients, I am constantly continuing my education.

I have lived in Oakland for 38 years; my children attended Oakland public schools; I am committed to the East Bay as the "best" place to live and work.

Changes in the profession have led me to a new arena. I specialize in representing only Buyers of real estate. I believe in what I do best - searching out the best possible property for my clients, skillfully negotiating on their behalf and seeing them through the entire process of home buying, from viewing property to making certain that all the utilities are connected when they move-in to their



new home.
I love what I do and I want my clients to love what I do for them.
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Keith Beatty - Folks' Art

What a blessing to work all day at what you love to do! Twenty-two years ago, when I gathered 11 other artists and craftspeople together to form a collective, little did I dream that I was beginning a career that would last so long and that I would do so much. Our vision was to support the artistic endeavors of struggling people from all parts of the world as well as local artists and craftspeople.

By now, Folks' Art has grown into a much larger store, becoming one of the Bay Area's largest earning stores (we feature 3,000 - 4,000 different styles of earrings). In addition to the broad jewelry selection, we continue to be known for distinctive handcrafts; especially fine jewelry pieces, hand blown glass, unique clothing,

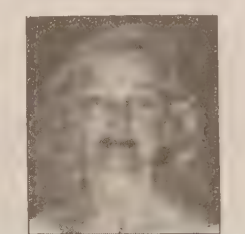


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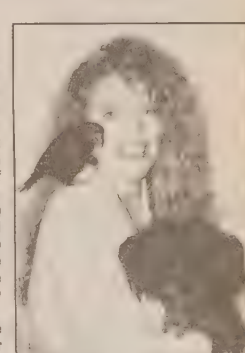
- Career • Goal Setting
- Childhood Healing
- Spiritual Enhancement
- Release from Fundamentalism
- Issues Relating to Illness • Grief
- California Angst • Other (i.e., pleasure?)

For an appointment please call Jennifer at
(510) 869-4282

Coleen Pelzer - Very Important Pets

Working with animals is a dream come true for me. I have been involved with all types of animals since I was a child and have volunteered for various animal welfare organizations in my adult years. Very Important Pets (VIP) was formed out of this love for and experience with animals. VIP Pet Services offers peace of mind to pet owners away from home. Whether away on vacation or just working late their pets receive loving, professional care. I arrange a personal consultation to develop a feeding and care plan to suit the particular needs of their pets. I then care for their animals as though they were my own. I am licensed, insured, and bonded.

My goal is to continue to provide peace of mind for my clients and quality care for their pets. I have a very satisfied and enthusiastic following and feel fortunate to have found a profession I truly love.



**Coleen Pelzer
(510) 633-0696**

Debra LaSpina Goldwater - Dori Anne Veils and Discount Bridal Service, Inc.

Debra LaSpina Goldwater, like many girls, loved dressing up as a child. But unlike most girls she didn't leave it at that, perhaps because of the role models in her life (a third generation seamstress). Debra is a 1976 graduate of the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising where she studied fashion design.

After graduation she continued working at many jobs in the costume and design field, including the Oakland Ballet and San Francisco Opera Guild.

Today Debra is the owner of Dori Anne Veils, a business that specializes in custom bridal veils and alterations.



She is also a representative of Discount Bridal Service, Inc. and offers incredible savings on gowns, bridesmaids dresses, accessories, etc.

**For information call
(510) 531-7540**

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Susan L. Jeffries, J.D., L.I.M. (tax) Attorney & Family Business Attorney

In six years, Susan has grown her firm to become the largest small law firm in Alameda and the largest woman-owned firm in the East Bay. She has been named "Best Attorney" by the Alameda Times-Star for the past four years in a row.

Clients like the way they are treated with dignity and respect in a comfortable office environment. Her moderate and well-trained staff has helped hundreds of people with the most personal of legal problems including business, tax and estate planning.

Every client benefits from Susan's masters degree in law and over 16 years of business and tax experience. Whether they come for a single consultation or a long-term case, every client leaves with some new ideas and a roadmap to the next step toward solving their

Business owners often consult Susan because her personal involvement as a member of numerous economic and charitable boards and organizations helps them solve business problems.

Her firm handles cases involving:
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**Susan Jeffries - Alameda
(510) 865-6664**

Committed to service, the Law Office of Susan Jeffries offers handicap accessibility and free parking at 2159 Central Ave., near Walnut Street in Alameda.

The Rose Lady A Specialty Gardener

What causes rust? What does mulch do? I don't know how to prune. What am I doing wrong? Sound familiar? If you have questions about your roses, Katherine Koller has the answers. She is a roses-only gardener, providing year-round rose maintenance.

Katherine is a UC-Berkeley graduate with a degree in design and horticulture. She is a perennial student of Rayford Reddell, Chronicle Rose Columnist, and of Hans Jenny, UC Soil Science professor. Katherine holds the coveted California Qualified Applicator, which means if a pesticide or herbicide is needed, she is legal when she sprays.

A personal invitation from The Rose Lady - "If your rose garden is suffering from your hectic schedule or browsing deer, or just because you are not sure of what to do when and how to do it, please give me a call. I would like to get to know your roses and you!"



**Katherine Koller
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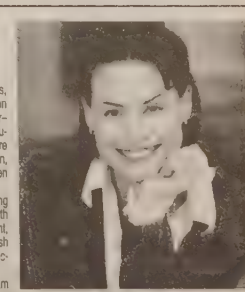
Melissa Rogers Impeccable Interiors House Cleaning Service

After many years of experience at WORKSHOW's, Melissa left the company for another full-time occupation - MOTHERHOOD. Finding a dependable, customer-oriented cleaning person wasn't just difficult, it was virtually impossible. Melissa discovered as she tried to secure help with her own home. Following the birth of her son, Impeccable Interiors was born a year later and has been going strong ever since.

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Melissa personally designs each cleaning program to mirror your wishes and style in every detail. She hand picks a house cleaner from her very select group of professionals whose abilities best suit your needs, making sure everything runs smoothly week after week - management, in other words.

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service where quality and customer satisfaction is a priority. First and foremost.
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Mother pleads not guilty in daughter's death

RICHMOND — An El Cerrito woman has pleaded not guilty to felony child endangerment charges stemming from the death of her 680-pound daughter at the age of 13 from congestive heart failure.

Marlene Marie Corrigan, a 48-year-old federal employee, refused to talk to reporters following her brief appearance Aug. 7 in Bay Municipal Court in Richmond.

About 10 members of several organizations representing fat people attended the hearing, saying they fear the unusual case resulting from the death of Christina Corrigan

last Nov. 19 from morbid obesity could set a dangerous precedent for prosecuting parents of fat children.

Corrigan's attorney, Michael Cardoza, told reporters outside court that he believes he will defeat the charges because she couldn't have done much more to save Christina.

Cardoza said the fact that it took the Contra Costa County District Attorney's office 261 days after Christina's death, until July 17, to file charges indicates that prosecutors had difficulty figuring out how to handle the unusual case.

But Deputy District Attorney

Brian Haynes said Corrigan was negligent in not seeking medical care for Christina the last four years of her short life. He said the basis for the charges is neglect. He said Christina, who was 5 feet 3 inches tall, was living on the living room floor "in her own urine and feces." Christina had bed sores and bugs were feeding on her body, he said.

Corrigan could face a state prison term of up to four years if convicted, but Haynes said prosecutors probably will only seek felony probation, which could include one year in the county jail.

Anti-gunfire campaign results encouraging

RICHMOND — Even before "National Night Out" residents and the Richmond Police Chief agreed a recent campaign to stop random gunfire on holidays appears to have been a success and will be a foundation for additional efforts along the I-80 corridor.

The campaign, launched by the North and East Neighborhood

Council with the Richmond police and the city council, delivered the message "Have Fun but Don't Shoot Your Gun, (Fiesta Si, Tiros No)," so as much of the community before July 4, traditionally a day when random gunfire is a problem. "There was little gunfire this year," says Richmond Police Chief William Lansdowne, crediting the campaign

with having a significant impact. Residents and police distributed fliers and posters, containing a warning that shooting guns into the air is dangerous and could kill or injure.

Lansdowne says the strategy appears to have been so successful that other cities along the I-80 corridor are considering adopting the approach.

Arrest

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thing male sitting with another male in a brown van parked on the 10300 block of San Pablo Avenue reportedly masturbated as a Richmond woman walked by. A white 20-something male wearing a baseball cap and vertically striped shorts exposed himself to a woman on the BART path at Eureka Avenue on Aug. 4.

A juvenile entered Target on Aug. 2 and exited the store with concealed merchandise. She was arrested for petty theft. A juvenile entered Safeway on July 31 and was arrested by a citizen when he

left with merchandise not paid for. Another juvenile was arrested shoplifting on Aug. 2 at Safeway. Another juvenile was arrested by a citizen on Aug. 2 for leaving Safeway with concealed merchandise.

At a residence on the 1300 block of Norvell Street on July 27, a screen door was pried open. The house, however, was not broken into.

On July 17, a stolen Oldsmobile was dumped on the 900 block of Liberty after being used in a residential burglary. An '89 Toyota Celica was broken into

on July 31 on the 1300 block of Navellier Street.

On Aug. 3 on the 2200 block of Mira Vista, a bike helmet was found in a resident's backyard and was handed over to police to be stored in the property room.

A man in his 50s drove his black pickup onto Hillside Park hiking trails on Aug. 3 and dumped bales of dried grass and weeds. A witness reported the incident.

On Aug. 3, someone entered the garage of a residence on the 2300 block of Mira Vista and stole a bicycle.

Car

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had been warned about this at least five times in the past week. He was arrested, cited and released.

On Aug. 5 a resident on the 800 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the front license plate from his red '85 Oldsmobile.

On the evening of Aug. 5 an employee of a convenience store on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man who had been arrested last week for stealing beer had just returned and stole more beer. The subject fled on a bike. Police took the report.

At about 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 6 Oakland police reported finding an '85 Volkswagen Jetta reported as stolen from the 500 block of Adams Street on Aug. 1. It had not been wrecked or burned or stripped and no one was in custody. The owner was notified.

At about noon on Aug. 6 a bike shop on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that a black male juvenile about 15 years old stole a blue bike and fled eastbound on Solano Avenue. Police are investigating.

At about 1 p.m. on Aug. 6 a Richmond youth reported that his yellow Kona bike was stolen while

it was parked in front of a yogurt shop on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue.

Officers responded to the 1100 block of Kains Avenue on the evening of Aug. 6 regarding reports of people yelling. Officers found an Albany man and a Berkeley man yelling at each other. The Berkeley man was found to have an outstanding warrant from Berkeley for disturbing the peace and was arrested, cited and released.

On Aug. 7 Oakland police reported locating a car reported as stolen from Albany in 1994. The license plate was missing and they did have a suspect in custody. The owner was notified.

On Aug. 7 a resident on the 600 block of San Carlos Street reported that between 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 6 and the morning of Aug. 7 thieves stole his silver '88 Toyota van. At about 4 a.m. on Aug. 8 Richmond police reported locating the vehicle. It had not been damaged and no one was in custody. The owner was

notified.

On the morning of Aug. 7 a resident on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that while it was parked in front of his house. They weren't successful, they did destroy the ignition.

On the afternoon of Aug. 7 a woman reported that thieves wheel off her mountain bike which was on a bike rack on her car. The car was parked near Solano Avenue all day. When she returned to the car she found the wheel off.

During the week of August 10, request, towed five cars, resulting in 25 false alarms, attempted lost or deceased animals, four people who were locked out of their house or car and four reports of barking dogs. Domestic arena officers responded to five domestic disputes, disturbances and 25 criminal firefighter/paramedic calls to four fire calls and 14 emergencies.

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Obituaries

DELORES MCGILL

A resident of Albany for 49 years passed away on August 5, 1997 after long illness. She was 94. Mrs. McGill is survived by her beloved son, Raymond Sanchez. Her vitality and wit will be missed. Private memorial Contribution to your favorite charity or VNA and Hospice of Emeryville.

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Sierra Club endorses Friedman

EL CERRITO — City Council member Mark Friedman received the official endorsement of the Sierra Club in his bid for election to the City Council in November. The endorsement "is an unusual move for the club" and reflects Friedman's long involvement in environmental issues as open space protection, public transit, recycling, and habitat protection.

Caffe de Milo grand opening is Friday

ALBANY — The public is invited to an Italian Renaissance at the grand opening of Caffe de Milo on Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The opening will feature live music, a lecture on Italian food by Massimo Altomonte at 2 p.m. and proctor Paul Conroy will prepare a variety of culinary surprises all day.

Peter Cleveland of the club's Political Committee called Friedman "an outstanding friend of the environment" citing his efforts on the conversion of military bases, lead poisoning protection, and planning for an eco-industrial park. Friedman said he believes the endorsement will be significant, saying El Cerrito "has one of the highest percentages of Sierra Club membership of any community."

The Caffe is located in the Albany Community Center/Library complex, 1249 Marin Ave. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. and alternate Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Offerings include coffee drinks, smoothies Italian soda and sandwiches.

EC council hopeful moonlights as on-line novelist

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — In the evening and late afternoon, you may see him proselytizing before the City Council or spending time at the El Cerrito Public Library.

But late at night, El Cerrito resident Thom Stark, who made his city council candidacy official this week, pounds away at his computer, siphoning his serialized science fiction novel onto the World Wide Web.

The story he pounds out, "A Season of Methven," is based on a Dungeons and Dragons game, a novelistic device sure to petrify literary purists. Stark, however, gives them reason to read again.

While many of us stereotype D&D fans as hooded, sword-wielding weirdos, the D&D process of communal storytelling pushes one's imagination to its borders.

In D&D, one player is the game master or Game Organization Director (GOD). The game master, like a novelist, sets up the rules of the game's particular universe: who the characters are, who dies, who lives, the setting, what tools or weapons the characters have, the situations the characters find themselves in.

Like a novelist, the game master must balance the believable and the unbelievable, always concentrating on the immersion of his or her players or readers.

And in D&D, as in the novel, players and readers put themselves in the well-crafted shoes of the characters given them, drawing on their own experiences while stretching their sense of themselves.

It is no wonder that Stark, drawn

into the world of D&D, decided to translate that experience into Internet science fiction, for science fiction, D&D, and the Internet all revel in the universe's possibilities, in pushing reality as far as it will go.

Stark posts a new chapter every Sunday night. While the Methven chapters now posted on the web don't delve into completely alien territory, Stark's characters are on a trek to get there. And it's sure to be a mouse clicker.

Several characters in A Season of Methven are based on the actual players of the original D&D game. That's what happens, explains Stark. You draw from the personalities of actual people's to create your game characters. Links within the text from names of characters to illustrations of those characters enhance the surfing experience.

The story starts in what one easily pictures as El Cerrito, with the main character going to the local grocery store to purchase beer. A raucous night between rock-climb-

ing buddies leads to one man's confession that he is other-worldly and to an agreement among all of them to embark on an undefined mission to this other world, Methven.

Stark actually inserted himself into the story as the ignorant recorder. In the beginning of the narration, Stark receives a package containing the protagonist's journals, and a letter, without explanation, telling him to publish the journals on the Web.

The letter hints that Stark's role in the story and the importance of publishing the journals on the Web will unravel as the story unravels.

The narrator/protagonist is somewhat "ignorant," as well; he is leading an "unexamined life," said Stark. Siphoned through these two flat characters, the story itself takes on a thick suspense, all on top of a slowly unveiled subplot.

The actual Methven D&D game, upon which the on-line version is based, actually lasted for a year and half, with the players meeting two

nights a week for eight to 12 hours.

This narrative flow matches that of the serialized novel, separated in episodes and ending abruptly with a bang to ensure the reader or player comes back next week.

Stark says he likes fiction that "gives the reader some credit for their intelligence."

"I don't like it when writers spend three or four pages discussing the contents of a room. Readers don't need everything laid out for them."

He equates an author giving his or her reader credit for intelligence with the balance between a D&D player and game master.

"If you say, 'He had Saturnian good looks and spoke in a stentorian tone,' what does that mean? Are you talking Sean Connery or Alec Baldwin? The author must involve the reader in building that inner picture, so that the reader is more a part of it."

Become a part of a Season of Methven by logging on to: <http://www.starkrealities.com/Methven/>

County adopts policy on abandoned pets

MARTINEZ — The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors today unanimously agreed to increase penalties for owners who abandon their pets.

Under the amended animal control ordinance, owners who abandon their pets, domestic or wild, could face a maximum year in jail and a fine as high as \$1000 if convicted of misdemeanor abandonment.

Animal services department director Michael Ross said at a board meeting in Martinez, "Animals are

not disposable goods. Owning a pet is a lifelong commitment."

While acknowledging it is often difficult to apprehend neglectful owners and, subsequently, to prove ownership, Supervisor Joe Canciamilla said he hopes the penalties will provide a necessary deterrent and make owners think twice before leaving their pets behind.

Community Concern for Cats spokeswoman Estelle Breitmeyer said the organization has encountered an estimated 10,000 stray, feral or abandoned pets in the past 12

years.

Breitmeyer's husband said he and his wife are offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the conviction of a person who abandons a pet. He urged the Sheriff's Department to establish contact with managers of apartment complexes where pets are often abandoned by vacating tenants.

Another Community Concern for Cats spokeswoman said the only way to catch owners is to implement countywide licensing of pets, thus verifying ownership.

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The Pheasant Caper or Who's Under the Glass?

The pheasants hung by their scrawny legs, strung up on the washroom clothesline. I figured it was the coolest room in the house — save for the wine cellar, which was about 15 degrees colder. It turned out, that's where those darned birds should have been hanging out in the first place.

I had this fantastic '78 Chateau Latour Chambolle-Musigny and a '69 Concannon Petite Sirah I had been holding on to. I'm the sort who builds the dinner around the wine, rather than the other way around.

It was Thanksgiving of '85 I believe and I was so pleased with myself that I had those wines in my cellar. With the wines in mind, I decided that I was going to cook me a pheasant with dried cherries. The Burgundy and the Pet I knew, would go perfectly with those little buggers.

I searched all over for an easy recipe on how to cook a pheasant. After going to bookstores, calling my friends who also had never cooked a pheasant ("you little bird killer you," some would say, mortifying me), I came across this recipe in the *New Larousse Gastronomique*. I knew that the old Larousse would probably give me a recipe for Pheasant Under Glass and figuring that the glass would probably be full of lead, I didn't want to poison my guests.

Indeed, I had come to the right sauce, er, source. No less than 38 (count 'em) recipes were listed, ranging from *Faisan a l'Americaine* — which after you "slit a pheasant along the back" you add things like bacon and bread crumbs and cayenne — to Pheasant Croquettes to Hot Pheasant Pie, to Potted Pheasant and to Pheasant Prince Orloff in Jelly.

But no matter what you did with your pheasant it advised, "the ideal moment is when the pheasant begins to decompose. Then its aroma develops in an oily essence which requires a little fermentation to reach perfection."

"Viola," I said, pronouncing the "V" like a "W" because I am a *l'Americaine*. It's just like wine I said. Man (I wanted to say *homme* but didn't know how to spell it), this was gonna be some dinner.

LaRousse advised that the pheasants should have plenty of time to air dry. About three days I



ALAN GOLDFARB

The Wine File

I searched all over for an easy recipe on how to cook a pheasant.

think it said. It was in French and I didn't know the difference between *trois* and *quatre*. But for good measure, I left those birds swingin' there for *cinq* or was it *six* days?

The more air those birds got, I thought, they would ferment good, just like those wines down there in the cellar.

The big day came, I arose with a clatter whatever that is, and sauntered down to the wine cellar to bring up the Chambolle-Musigny and the Concannon. But on the way up the stairs from the cellar, the dog came running down the steps heading for the cellar, and I tripped over him. It was at that moment that I learned what a clatter was.

It was an epiphanous moment, too. The dog — Corks I call him — was feeling good after lapping up the Burgundy. And I thought, remembering that it was Thanksgiving, I still had the other pet in that bottle of Concannon.

OK, I know what you're surmising about those pheasants hangin' there. You're thinking that the pheasants got so dry (how dry did they get?) that they shriveled up like one of those stupid looking cats that doesn't have any fur.

Well, you'd be right. But that happened to just one of the pheasants. I still had two more, right? The other one, the one in the middle, fermented so good that the juices smelled like wine — after it had been standing open for two weeks. And the other bird? Well, the cat, the one with no fur, got the other pheasant. I was so mad too, like I wanted to throw her into the dryer which would have been convenient because it was in the same room.

New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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BY NANCY NICHOLSON JOLINE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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But I thought otherwise. I would have plucked out her fur — if she had any.

So, we decided we'd send out for barbecued chicken from Everett & Jones instead, and open that bottle of Petite Sirah. The best barbecue in the East Bay and a great bottle of wine from a good California vintage, 1969.

The chicken indeed, was the best. The wine?

The kids were down in the den playing Spin the Bottle with it. By the time I finished admonishing

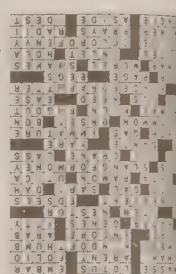
them about playing such a game without adult supervision, the sediment inside that bottle was spinning so fast it looked like a kaleidoscope.

By the time I got it open, it was reminiscent of the mud which caked in my mouth after sliding down that hill at Woodstock, the same year coincidentally, that the good folks at Concannon were putting that Petite Sirah in the bottle.

In the end, I felt like I was the pheasant under glass.

The preceding was inspired by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association's "Most Horrible Host of the Year" contest in conjunction with the 16th annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration.

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fetus with its limbs dismembered." He added,
horrific display is a terrible intrusion into our

within the current City Sign Ordinance
this signage, and Powers' neighbors are intent on
some such limitations.

around two years ago, however, in the City of Ladue
the United States Supreme Court held that a
may not prohibit a property owner from expressing
his or her residential property.

With this decision, the Court invalidated many mu-
sign ordinances, which had previously limited
signage to real estate signs, apartment build-
ing signs, subdivision signs and the like.
Through the Court ruled a city cannot prohibit
signage, it did say a city can impose reasonable limits
on the size and placement of residential signs.

last year, the El Cerrito Code Review Com-
mittee (with the exception of one member)
city councilmembers, has been attempting to
bring the City Sign Ordinance to bring it into con-
formance.

Code Review Committee decided to take ad-
vice of the Court's size and placement provisions
the sign to four square feet, and to not more
than five feet above the ground.

When asked whether these amendments to the ordi-
nance were prompted by citizen complaints about Pow-
ers' sign, City Attorney Howard Stern fell silent and
said, "No comment."

Under the scenario, the city could amend its ordinance
that severely limits Powers' ability to express
his views, with Powers then suing the city on the
ground that his first amendment rights have been
violated. If Powers can somehow prove the city amended
the ordinance to eliminate his sign specifically, the court
is most likely to rule the amendments to the sign
unconstitutional and thus invalid.

Stern later said, "We cannot selectively enforce the
ordinance against him, but we can say he made us aware
of the problem with our policy."

Aug. 4, when proposed sign ordinance amend-
ments were brought before the City Council, the size
restrictions met with some criticism. Al-
though four of Mr. Powers' neighbors prompted the
Council to act quickly, the sign ordinance was
not back to be revamped once again.

The neighbors' concerns, their children's fright at
the sight of the signs ranked highest and their property
ranked second highest. Santa Fe Avenue and
resident Robert Woodland said, "The main
reason we hope you remember ... is that children in our
neighborhoods need to be protected, our property value
to be protected and our quality of life needs to be
protected."

One neighbor described, "Imagine ... your little
child come out, see the display and are really fright-
ened. They have nightmares about it." He
added, "You realize you cannot live like this, so you
have to move. You try to sell your house, but it turns
out no one else wants to live next door (to these signs)."
He added that the neighbors' objections to the sign
had nothing to do with the issue of abortion, only with

the sign itself.

Resident Marshall Shoemaker said, "I can't describe
to you how visceral, disgusting, oppressive and power-
less a feeling it is to have that kind of a graphic, violent
billboard in your neighborhood."

A mother who lives in the neighborhood described
her child as saying, "Is that a monster? It's scaring me."
She added, "Here we can't let a child go into an R-rated
movie, because it has graphic illustrations, and yet we
can have it on our sidewalk."

Concerns about restrictions

From a more practical, less emotional standpoint,
West Contra Costa Association of Realtors executive
Director Jerry Fitch voiced some concern about the
sign ordinance size limitations. He pointed out that
homeowners frequently add riders to their two feet by
two feet real estate signs. If this ordinance passed, those
riders would be illegal. Fitch said the West Contra
Costa Association of Realtors would like to help re-
shape this policy to meet some of the group's needs.

Councilmember Norman La Force was more force-
ful about his objections, saying he is "troubled by the
fact that people seem to think there can be some kind of
regulated size that will do something to this sign so it
cannot be seen. That cannot be done." If the city crafts
an ordinance so highly regulated as to shrink the sign
that substantially, the ordinance would most likely
violate the first amendment, he said.

If the city does not craft an ordinance protecting first
amendment rights, La Force said, they will be setting
itself up for a legal suit and potentially costly damages
and attorney fees.

"I don't know how we are going to craft an ordi-
nance, but this one needs a lot more work," La Force
said.

He added, "I think it's (the sign's) a despicable
demonstration, but there are a lot of things I find
despicable in the world that I have to deal with. There
are a lot of things I need to explain to my children. That
is my responsibility."

Later, audience members suggested approaching
Powers' sign from the standpoint of obscenity. City
Attorney Stern later pointed out that according to the
law obscenity referred to explicitly sexual material.

Another avenue

The state nuisance law may best address the neigh-
bors' complaints. California Civil Code 3479 states,
"Anything which is injurious to health ... or is indecent
or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free
use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable
enjoyment of life or property, or unlawfully obstructs
the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any
... street, or highway, is a nuisance."

Stern, when asked whether the City plans to take
legal action against Powers, said "I don't know the
answer to that." He did say, however, that citizens were
also capable of bringing a suit against Powers.

Mr Powers attended the City Council meeting as
well, and claimed he put the signs there on the advice of
the El Cerrito Police Department. He said he thought
the size limit of new ordinance would be too difficult to
enforce.

"My wife and I find it ironic that these signs are
going to be illegal but the butchering of little tiny babies
is not going to be illegal," Powers concluded.

Letters

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Measure H come from? (Jean Brown's letter, August 7th).
Measure H suffered one of the
worst fates of any measure in
several years when voters turned
it down, 60 percent to 40 percent.
This vote, despite proponents —
including significant
contributions from several City
elected officials and staff —
outstanding citizens who
organized to turn it away by a
factor of 5:1.

Could it be that City insiders
are busy at work preparing the
way for another Measure H-type
assessment? The idea has already
been discussed with the Parks and
Rec Commission. Maybe it's just
part of the political groundwork
to reposition the ill-conceived
measure given that certain
councilmembers are up for re-
election this Fall.

Whatever the reason, I thought
it would be useful to revisit why
voters so convincingly turned
down the measure. Citizens may
recall a circular entitled "Top 10
Reasons to Vote No on Measure
H" that was distributed thorough
El Cerrito. I thought this paper
could reprint it. Thanks.

Grant Ricketts

El Cerrito

1. Measure H does not increase
Fire protection Not \$1 from
Measure H will go to increase fire
protection or services in El
Cerrito. Don't fall for this
misnomer.

2. Measure H is an
Accountant's Shell Game
Measure H is about putting your

"new" money in the front door
while the City takes the current
fire budget money out the back
door and spends it on other
projects. It's an accountant's shell
game, not a bona fide increase in
services. And, without a cap or
sunset clause, when this tide rolls
in, it doesn't roll away.

3. "H" stands for Hidden
agenda Proponents of Measure H
are using the good name of fire
prevention to encourage support
for the measure, when the real
intention is to increase taxes for
other city projects which could
not garner support on their own
merit. This is an old "bait and
switch" tactic. Ask the City to put
the other projects on the ballot -
not H.

4. Build a future, not a
Bureaucracy The City has
generated a huge wish list of
projects to pursue. This list
includes 8 new staff positions and
over \$22 million in capital budget
expenditures! If this is their plan,
why won't they put it on the
ballot specifically?

5. The Citizen Task Force does
not support Measure H Contrary
to claims made by proponents, the
task force organized to study city
finances does not endorse
Measure H. In fact, many
members oppose it. The City
Council overruled both the task
force majority and minority
reports in adopting its own \$125
measure and acceleration clauses.

6. The City's Redevelopment
Agency finances are straining the
City's budget Even for those of us
who may favor redevelopment,
it's not happening positively. The
Redevelopment Agency hasn't

even been paying interest on the
"loans" it's been getting from the
City. Keep the city responsible,
vote no on H.

7. Measure H is Bad for
Business Businesses receive no
benefit of added fire or police
protection either, yet they will
have to pay much more than the
average citizen/home owner. This
burden discourages a healthy
business climate in El Cerrito let
alone attracting future
development. That's why
business owners organized a
committee called Business People
Against Measure H to help defeat
the measure. Help promote better
business, vote no on H. News
Flash! Oct. 24th, El Cerrito
Chamber of Commerce Board
adopts motion to formally
OPPOSE Measure H.

8. Measure H will increase
Rents This "assessment" will also
impact business and rental
properties, with costs passed
through in higher rents.

9. Measure H is a disservice
for the future — It's time to say
No! One day we citizens may
want to augment our current level
of fire or police protection. The
dishonesty shrouded in Measure
H threatens future measures. Send
a message to the city that we
expect more integrity in our ballot
measures.

10. Measure H does not
increase Fire protection, but you
can If you want to increase fire
services, then donate whatever
you can afford directly to the Fire
department. Your money will
help the fire department serve us,
not be siphoned off for some
other City pet project.

Response

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out wouldn't have to relocate —
and relocation would cost the city
money they do not have.

Quite probably if a good
endowment and pressure were
put upon Gottschalk's
Department Store (much like the
Emporium-Capwell group) with
five feeder communities for them
to serve, they may buy into the
idea. They have in Santa Rosa. If
someone believes that a theater
complex and housing are
necessary, let them put up the
money and develop it at the San

Pablo end of the Plaza where it
will not interfere with the current
residential neighborhoods.

Some segments of our
community want to see the creek
redeveloped, have bicycle
accesses, and outdoor cafes. This
would be paradise, but our
weather doesn't lend itself to
much outdoor dining, nor do we
see a great many bikers, and the
creek was cleaned up just to
become a dumping ground again.
So this request by a small
majority should be carefully and
realistically considered.

If we can't get a department

store in the Emporium building,
then let's make use of it —
remodel put in outdoor access to
second and third floors — and
then use it as a city center: city
hall and its offices, a new and
larger library, senior center, a day
care center for youngsters, a
theater arts center, etc. The plaza
could be enhanced by well kept
garden areas, extra low lighting in
the parking areas in addition to
what already is there. If you think
any of this makes sense then let
the city officials know about it.

Carol Orpin
El Cerrito

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■ Bill Mann

'Welcome, you've got junk mail'

America Online Out of Line: OK, so where does it stop? If you're an America Online subscriber, you know what I mean: You need two mouse clicks after you log on and the "You've Got Mail" message goes up — just to get your mail. You first have to go through a screen pitching the new AOL Visa Gold card. Then you have to click a second, "You Can Order AOL Visa Later," button to finally get your e-mail. But will marketing-mad AOL stop there? Pretty soon, you may have to do a third click on a Visa button that says, "I Realize I'm Turning Down An Incredible Offer," and then maybe a fourth, "I Realize I'm Making a Big Mistake," and so on, before being allowed to visit your e-mail. And we haven't even mentioned the two mouse clicks to sign off AOL, where you next get offered their Microsoft browser, Compuserve and Prodigy subscribers, let me know via (the increasingly-hard-to-access) e-mail address below: Do you also have to put up with this kind of nonsense? Is it any wonder AOL is so widely loathed? And we haven't even mentioned all the junk e-mail you get ...

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: The strike is serious and getting more so by the day, so David Letterman jokes that the hookers on Times Square now have a UPS strike special: "For 50 bucks, they'll handle your package overnight." Letterman, in reruns this week, also had a good line about Oakland schools superintendent **Carolyn Gettridge** saying she was quitting last week: "At least we THINK that's what she said," says Letterman, noting Gettridge presided over the ebionics fiasco. "She may have said 'Good Morning.'" ... One co-worker at Sacramento's KCRA-TV calls him "The next **Dennis Richmond**" referring to former Oakland cop and Channel 3 weekend anchor **Ron Jones**, a former OPD sergeant who's also a KCRA reporter. Is the OPD becoming a TV training ground? Further evidence: Former Oakland cop **Byron Miranda**, points out reader Mike Meyers, is now a CNN weekend weather anchor. He probably got tired of all the Miranda-rights jokes.

I mentioned to Hills columnist **Martin Snapp**, who's recovering nicely from eye surgery, that I'd just previewed Showtime's star-studded remake of the classic 1957 film, "12 Angry Men." The first-rate film — this may be heresy, but I think it's even better than the Oscar-nominated original — debuts Sunday night at 9 and co-stars **Jack Lemmon** (in Henry Fonda's old role), **Armin Mueller-Stahl** (he played the overbearing father in "Shine"), **Tony Danza**, **Edward James Olmos**, **Ossie Davis** and **Hume Cronyn**, among others. Snapp says, "My law prof at Boalt Hall showed the original to our class. When Henry Fonda whips out a switchblade knife that resembles the murder weapon, my prof started yelling, 'Extrinsic evidence!' That's evidence not introduced in court, which jurors aren't allowed to consider, explains Snapp, adding that he's never regretted NOT becoming a lawyer. (Me neither). That same scene is included in this first-rate new version; if you can get by that legal technicality, you'll find Showtime's remake — teleplay by the original scriptwriter, **Reginald Rose** — well worthwhile."

Popular KGO-TV anchor **Don Sanchez** deserves better. First, he was bumped from the station's 5 p.m. newscast by news boss **Milt Weiss**. Then Sanchez was reassigned to the early-morning newscast — and yanked from that the day before sweeps started and reassigned to weekend anchor. Now, sources say, another KCRA anchor.

Sam Shane, will soon replace old pro Sanchez on weekends ... Remember ex-KGO Radio shrink-talk host **Dr. Joy Browne**? I'll take her show over that of KGO's annoyingly popular **Dr. Laura Schlesinger** any day. Browne's syndicated advice show is now carried by Santa Rosa's KRSO (1350 AM) 9 through noon weekdays; KRSO reaches many parts of the East Bay ... Ever wonder why self-caricaturist Paul Harvey is carried at the oddball time of 11:45 a.m. on KGO, cutting short the last 15 minutes of **Ronn Owens'** popular talk show? It's because when KGO decided to air Schlesinger at noon and dump news, the station had to find a place for Mr. Good-Day's tiresome daily pontifications. And Harvey's contract with ABC says his 15-minute show has to run before 2 p.m., so KGO moved him to 11:45. And when KGO learned that sister station KABC in L.A. (which now simulcasts Owens' show) was running Harvey at 2, someone pointed that out to the network, and Harvey was also moved back to 11:45 in L.A. ... I have a theory that the same small group that listens to Harvey religiously is the same one that reads Little Orphan Annie — and complains loudly when papers try to drop the strip ...

No, your eyes weren't deceiving you — that was indeed former KRON weatherman **Mark Thompson** doing a bit part in "Air Force One," sitting in the front row at a White House press conference ... Speaking of movies, this recommendation (if it's not too late): Avoid contact with "Contact" by any means necessary. The **Jodie Foster** movie was so awful my wife and I and the couple we went with almost walked out. It's too long, all right — about two hours too long ... What is it about doing a finance show that gives some guys such towering egos? If you can somehow sit through **Louis Rukeyser's** embarrassing and witless "opening monologue" on PBS' "Wall Street Week" every Friday, you can sit through anything, maybe even "Contact." But **Bob Brinker's** 11-year-old syndicated "Money Talk" (heard here on KGO Saturday and Sunday afternoons) is just as self-indulgent. Brinker calls his show, laughably, the "Starship Moneytalk," and the guy has a real **Patrick Stewart**-like messianic complex, all right, treating adoring callers like disciples when he's not trying to dazzle listeners with jargon like beta coefficients ...

Finally today, one reader in Alameda e-mails this line: "Know why the Raiders don't have their own Web page? A. Because they can't even put two W's together."

Questions or comments? Please write Bill c/o this newspaper or e-mail him at Newsman@aol.com.

Three-year Albany police contract wins easy council approval

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In a meeting that will guarantee law enforcement services through the year 2000, the City Council last week unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Albany Peace Officers' Association.

By a 3-0 vote, with Mayor Bob Good and Vice Mayor Bruce Mast absent, the council approved the agreement, which had previously been discussed in

closed session.

The agreement will provide officers with a 3 percent raise per year, or \$250,000 over the course of 39 months, money that, according to City Administrator Daren Fields, is already anticipated in the city's budget forecasts.

At present, paying for the city's 35-member police force sets the city back about \$3 million per year, with the majority of costs stemming from salaries and benefits. In the current fiscal year, permanent em-

ployee salaries are projected to total \$1.8 million, with fringe benefits coming in at \$470,000, for a total of \$1,680,000.

Council response to the agreement was a comment from the public.

According to Assistant City Administrator Ritzma, Albany resident and former council member Bill Cain spoke in favor of the move, and the session took about five minutes.

The previous agreement expired on

Candidates

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people urging her to seek another term, but ultimately decided to observe what she called an "unwritten two-term policy" in El Cerrito. The last councilmember to serve more than two terms was Leo Armstrong, who served four terms beginning in 1954.

"It's not intended to be a full-time job," Jellison said. "It's an opportunity for people to step up and serve and offer new, fresh ideas to some extent."

She acknowledged that the increasingly divisive atmosphere at council meetings was "absolutely" a consideration, as well. "It gets wearing," she said of the weekly bouts with critics of city spending and redevelopment priorities. "It hasn't always been like that. In fact, the majority of my eight years on the council it hasn't been that way."

Jellison was the last firm council voice speaking in favor of the 20-screen cineplex proposed at the Del Norte BART station, even after support for the project among colleagues eroded under outspoken opposition

from some area residents.

She has also been a steadfast supporter of plans to remake the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center as a retail/residential complex that would also serve as a civic gathering place, a proposal that has also met with controversy.

Jellison said she regrets stepping down with the projects at mid-stream. "That's what made me consider running again in the face of tradition," she said, adding that she nonetheless decided the two-term policy is in the city's best interest and that "it's time to move on."

"I have to trust in the process and ultimately in the citizens of this community to do the right thing," Jellison said. "I'm proud of El Cerrito and what it stands for."

Stark and Damon have been steady critics of city redevelopment policy and spending priorities. Stark was an unsuccessful council candidate two years ago.

WCCUSD candidates

Eight candidates had filed to run for election in November on the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board, deadline, including two El Cerrito candidates.

El Cerritos Brian Leary and Glen Price, both of whom were on the board, Price for the second year, both lost their bids.

Incumbents Charles Ramsey of Kenning and Snodgrass of Hercules and Karen Fenton of Hercules are seeking reelection.

Rounding out the field are candidates Christopher Griffin and Emanuel Johnson.

More election-related news, see page 16.

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of issue that could be raised by either side, attorney Bob Outis of the appeals court, adding that CRG itself could seek a hearing in the Supreme Court in that a number of the group's motions were also ruled against. In fact, while the court's decision holds many a strong word for the citizen-based group, CRG must now argue other things, not that the wording of Measure F was improper (the appeal court seemed to believe that it altered the results of the November election in which city voters approved the measure by a 186-vote margin).

"I don't think there will ever be a cardroom racetrack based on Measure F," Outis says, "but it can always start the process over and do what it needs to do. It's been apparent to me from the beginning that they would have been well-served to start the process over and do it right. They made that decision very early. It's foolish to continue to waste their money, but that's their mess."

Foolish or not, however, Ladbroke Vice President John Ford has vowed to fight on. "Obviously," he made a commitment to Albany and to the Ford says, "I continue to believe that things can be done appropriately and the project will succeed and can carry out the vote of the people."

When city voters approved Measure F, they supposedly lacked thereof in the city's coffers, a prime motivation for the pro-cardroom camp.

At the time, City Administrator John Jellison predicted that, without a new source of revenue, Albany would face deficits as high as \$1 million.

Now, the city faces surpluses of about \$1 million through July, 1999. And yet millions of dollars Ladbroke stands to make from a successful cardroom project — will most likely fuel the lawsuit, into which, as of January, had poured some \$650,000.

That investment is only one that the Blandin gaming giant has made recently in California. The casino San Pablo, Ladbroke also stepped in March toward solidifying its presence in the state, in a surprise deal for an amount of money, the company purchased an acre parcel which is home to the racetrack.

Ladbroke, in fact, also has an agreement stake in the Los Angeles-based Bicycle Club and is in the process of establishing a new office, Ford says, calling the move "a commitment to investing in California." A city-paid attorneys, however, little of that has found its way into Albany.

Police Chief Larry Murdo, one of the pro-revenue proponents, says he has long since given up a dime of cardroom revenue. "I thought this was some time ago," Murdo says.

City Administrator Daren Fields also stepped from the edge of his seat.

"It hasn't been here since I started and I don't count on it," Fields says, adding that, while the budget predicts a smooth financial ride, the city has to deal with approximately \$16 million in funded capital needs over the next 10 years.

"That will need to be addressed in some way," Fields says, pointing to fee increases, special taxes and redevelopment as possible solutions.

However the city chooses to raise revenue, CRG members do not see a cardroom, ideal, or even tolerable, means to do so.

"My sense is that people have really come to with skepticism the idea of whether or not a financial condition, or what the community represents as a community, is consistent with a large, world-wide gaming operation," Outis says. "That's not how I see the city. I live in it and I think a lot of people feel the same way."

While Ladbroke has vowed to fight on, it also continues, he says, with the only finality either when Ladbroke is refused a hearing in two suits at the Supreme Court level, or when it is turned down for both.

"To those who say that CRG and its attorneys somehow thwarted the will of the people, I'd like to say that they have pursued their lawful remedies, and will continue to do so."

The lawsuit will continue, and the state's briefs will grow.

According to Ford, a decision as to whether Ladbroke will pursue should arrive by the end of the month. Until then, and for at least a year, the cardroom will remain in legal limbo. And Attorney Robert Zweben says, "If anyone's taking their breath, they have to be blue in the face."

Future

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volved in." Richard John, however, distinguished this one from the rest for three reasons.

First, the students are impartial; they are doing the work because of their drive to learn, not to make a commission or see the project into the next phase. Second, the students were able to look and work with the whole city, to create a synthesis of projects. And third, the students are not interested in short-term gain for the city, but were able to look at the long-term.

Starting point

>From the public workshop, the students gleaned several general ideas. Citizens expressed dissatisfaction with conventional big box retail outlets, with great expanses of surface parking, with the lack of a civic center or of civic identity, and with the lack of continuity between development areas. Also, San Pablo's wide, speeding lanes of traffic and lack of a landscaped median were pegged as both dangerous and unfriendly to pedestrians.

>From this input, the students generated a strategy to create a series of six neighborhoods, a quarter mile each in radius, along San Pablo, to strengthen the street structure and civic amenities within these neighborhoods, to foster pride in El Cerrito's two BART stations as unique regional nodes, to make San Pablo walkable, to bring back the creek, and to enhance El Cerrito's historical pride by celebrating its founder, William Rust.

Del Norte

While walking around Del Norte, Andrew Cameron, an English student and engineer, observed, to the audiences' amusement, there was "Nothing that made you think, this is Del Norte, I am going to go there."

To remedy this, the students planned a landscaped square just outside the BART station, relocating the surface parking west of San Pablo. The students displayed drawings of how parking could be incrementally shifted to these lots, the lots acquired over the years, and the cars hidden behind buildings.

"Straight-away, tomorrow perhaps, student said, start by looking at the car parking directly in front of the BART station and relocating it to the other side of San Pablo, perhaps to the FoodBowl site."

If parking were west of San Pablo, people could access it directly from the freeway without generating traffic on San Pablo. The idea of actively curbing traffic from San Pablo was applauded.

After the meeting, Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft said he thought placing parking on the west side of San Pablo would be difficult. The Pacific Marketplace Project (Staples, Pep Boys, Walgreens), he said, is too far along to stop. He said, however, he did not think the Del Norte Marketplace would hurt the ultimate plan for Del Norte. And on the front end, he added, it is economically necessary.

"That (parking west of San Pablo) is a great idea," Raycraft said, "but the community is going to have to finance it."

Shoppers or BART patrons would pass through an entry way into a square, surrounded on both the inside and the outside with retail and leisure opportunities. This way the city could cash in on transit traffic "so that people do not just come and leave, but stay there and get a drink after work," said Cameron.

A buffer of low rise housing was proposed between the station and the nearby single family houses, as well as additional retail along the edge of Target's surface parking lot in order to lessen its impact.

City Hall

The students isolated a quarter mile square, surrounded by Stockton to the south, Moeser to the north, San Pablo to the east, and Ashbury to the west, and defined it by its civic functions. The community center, community theater, and middle school are located at Ashbury and Moeser. Off of Stockton are the Senior Center, the Library, Fairmont Elementary School and the Veteran's memorial.

Because the existent buildings did not form a public space, the students conceived of a Civic Square, William Rust Square, named after El Cerrito's founding father, to serve as a focal point for the surrounding civic amenities. This square would be located smack in the middle of Moeser, in front of City Hall, also in the middle of Moeser. The square would extend both in front and behind City Hall. The front would be paved and would include a monument to William Rust; the back, facing Moeser, would be landscaped.

Although the idea of a city hall in the middle of

Moeser elicited chuckles from the audience, several residents, after the presentation, said it is an appealing idea.

A small city museum, also housing the historical society, would face William Rust Square. The area surrounding the square would over the years be filled in with low-rise mixed-use commercial buildings.

Stockton Green and San Pablo Avenue

The students proposed a "green" on Stockton Street to strengthen the relationship between the street's civic nodes, the library, Senior Center, and Veterans building. They also proposed introducing a childcare center to the area, extending the library and rebuilding Fairmont Elementary in phases.

They proposed scaling San Pablo Avenue down to a more pedestrian-oriented thoroughfare by reducing the number of lanes, changing the treatment of the road, adding pedestrian crosswalks, planting more trees, adding bus shelters and benches, and making the sidewalks more easily navigable by wheelchairs.

El Cerrito Plaza

Completely obscured by 10 layers of post-its, the El Cerrito Plaza announced itself as a focus for the students. It was clear El Cerritos wanted the Plaza turned around and fast.

The Plaza BART station has great untapped potential as a regional draw, said student Elizabeth Bonners. She described the existing BART station as "not the most compelling environment." She went on, "You come out of concrete bunker, walk across an asphalt sea of parking through several lanes of diesel-belching buses to be greeted by a fairly inhospitable concrete building."

The students suggested encasing the existing BART building in a more formal, multi-leveled "L"-shaped structure. The "L" could contain offices and/or retail. Arching between the two legs of the "L" would be an extension of the building, a kind of tunnel/shelter for the BART train to pass through. The middle of the building would be an open triangular-shaped space, which might house an outdoor cafe. The existing uses of the current BART station's ground floor, the bike lockers and ticket sales, would be redistributed to the BART train shelter.

Across the street from the BART station would be a commercial area wrapped around a parking deck, which would equal almost one-for-one all of the existing spaces in the surface parking lot, now in that location. Another deck, on the other side of the train line, would hold the additional vehicles. Small retail would wrap around the outside of both buildings.

The students proposed re-establishing the street grid in the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center, just as the current redevelopment plan does. A Plaza town green, towards San Pablo, at the bottom of two commercial squares, would house the farmers market.

The creek would be revitalized and turned into a park, replete with foot bridges, to be used for community celebrations and special events and to act as a symbolic boundary to the city. Single and multi-family homes would line the creek, accommodating a range of incomes and lifestyles.

Elizabeth Bonners wrapped up the students' presentation by saying vehemently, "You MUST believe in your vision. Take it to the next step. Make sure your politicians and civil servants understand what you want in your city. This is a very long-term plan to make the city of homes a place where your grandchildren and great grandchildren want to live."

When asked whether he thinks the long-term plan is realistic, Gerry Raycraft said "Realistic but perhaps not feasible." While in reality it could happen, he said, the economics threaten its feasibility.

"I don't know at what point or if at any point our budget situation will turn around so we can start bonding for these kind of capital improvements," Raycraft said. "I just don't see our revenue situation changing."

By contrast, the presentation left Mayor Jellison enthused. "I am incredibly inspired by the work," she said. "I could embrace every single thing they proposed. This kind of pedestrian oriented mixed-use development is something I have been striving to bring to El Cerrito for a long time. Here are people who have no investment, no agendas saying the same thing."

As for whether the plan is realistic, Mayor Jellison said, "you have to take baby steps. Even with something as simple as trees, you have to go out and buy the trees." She added, "but that does not mean you should despair. Little by little we need to do these things."

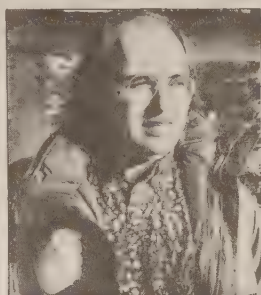
Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Masquer's Playhouse offers Broadway hit
Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* is the latest Broadway play to be presented by the Masquer's Playhouse in Point Richmond. The play is about a team of off-the-wall comedy writers who create a big Saturday night TV show of the '50s, wrestling with work interference, shrinking budgets and a brilliant but crazed producer as they produce unending 'Laughter on the 23rd Floor.' Directed by Jeff Seaberg, the play contains adult language, and runs on Friday, Aug. 22. Tickets are \$9, with special group rates available. Call 232-4031 for reservations.

'Ben Franklin: Unplugged' at Speakeasy

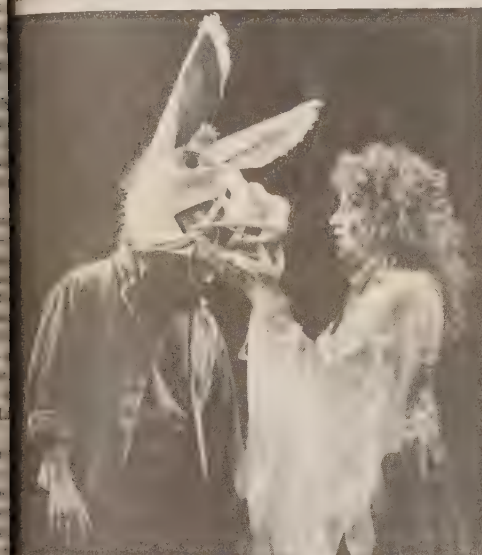
The Speakeasy Theatre Company presents Josh Kornbluth in improvisation and *Ben Franklin: Unplugged*, a workshop of a monologue in which Kornbluth grapples with such timely issues as history, electricity and his total inability to keep a kite aloft — as he tries to get his act together and with the dreams of the American Revolution. The action will be seen at the Speakeasy Theatre, 2016 7th St., through Aug. 26. Tickets are \$5, for exact change and reservations call 541-4100.



Josh Kornbluth

The saga continues at Contra Costa Civic

The next chapter in the Contra Costa Civic Theatre's production of *A Good Lawyer* will be shown Sunday, Aug. 17 at 5 and 7 p.m. The one-day-only show is the continuation of a situation comedy for theater instead of television with new episodes monthly. The story centers around a wholesome young man from South Dakota who comes to work as a lawyer in San Francisco and ends up living next door to some of the weirdest people on the planet. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children. Call 528-2416 for reservations. The theatre is located at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito.



'A Good Lawyer' at Shakespeare Festival

A Midsummer Night's Dream is currently showing at the California Shakespeare Festival. Shakespeare's absurd, funny and, at times, dark portrait of love is directed by Kenneth Kelleher, with scenic design by Norm Spencer, original music by Steve Adams and costume design by Eliza Chugg. It runs through Sept. 6. Shakespeare wrote the play around 1595 and it is considered one of the most fully articulated plots he had yet written. There is some speculation that the plot was originally written to celebrate a noble marriage and then re-adapted for public performance. The California Shakespeare Festival is at Bruns Memorial Amphitheater in Orinda, tickets are \$20 — \$35 for adults, \$10 for youth. Children under 4 are not allowed. call 548-9666 for reservations.

Watch 'The Imaginary Cuckhold' Friday

The Center for Theater Arts hosts The California Shakespeare Festival's Apprentice Company production of *The Imaginary Cuckhold* by Moliere, Friday, Aug. 15, at noon at Zellerbach Playhouse. Under the director on Mark Booher, the acting apprentices work in collaboration with the festival's professional theatre interns who form the balance of the creative team to produce this story of foolish misapprehensions and romantic intrigue. Tickets are \$4 for students and seniors, \$5 for faculty and staff and \$6 general admission. Call 558-3433 ext.325 for more information.



'Cut and Paste'. collages on display

Berkeley artist Pamela Markman's exhibit *Cut and Paste* is currently showing at Madame's Gallery, 2748 Adeline St., through Sept. 7. Markman has exhibited in various California venues for over 30 years.

She works in several media, including water color, abstraction and landscape and ink or pencil portrait and figure drawing. The current exhibit is a selection of small and

Early Spring Bloom'

Upstart theatre group spreads its wings

'Five Women' speaks to younger audiences

By Phyllis Lyon

The fledgling Impact Theater, a group of self-styled "theater geeks" out of El Cerrito High, spread their wings and fly in their current production of *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, playing weekends at the 8th Street Studio in Berkeley through Aug. 23.

On the premise that the Bay Area theater scene is overstuffed with Neil Simon, Andrew L. Webber and their ilk appealing mainly to rich blue hairs, Impact has set out to "speak to a new generation of theatergoers in a way that they haven't been spoken to before," according to Impact Artistic Director Josh Costello.

The *Five Women* in their twenties reunite to update their lives since high school. In a "new generation" girlspeak that was once reserved for longshoremen, they laugh and cry their way through their puzzles about love, marriage and What Men Want. And nothing's more likely to bring out this soul-searching than a wedding.

"We've come so far, baby, and in *Five Women*, we see how we as a generation, men and women alike, are dealing with all the issues that arise from 'having it all,'" said Bahati Bonner, who directed the play.

The *Same Dress* plays a significant, if not starring, role by visually putting the five single brides-

maids in the same manless boat. The dark matron-green dress with a bunch of blowsy roses at the waist (designed or at least chosen by Costumier Colette Carter) was, according to the old joke, picked out by the bride to make herself look good by comparison. They complain variously that the dress makes them look like "a linebacker," "Bigfoot" and, with the

matching red flat hat, "a hooker from the Twilight Zone."

Further symbolizing the five women's status as outside looking in, the two acts are set in an upper room where they escape to view the wedding reception through a window.

In a play that has the gossipy intimacy of a twentysomething slumber party, the five Impact actors skillfully define their separate characters while wearing the same dress. Mo McFeely stands

out playing the cynical Trisha, who has seen it all and, in spite of because of having given up on men, is the one who gets lucky as the wedding party winds down.

Best cast of the five women, Maria Grazia Affinito plays a wimpy Francis who's response to all naughty suggestions is, "I'm a Christian," until she bursts into a rage defending her religion. And then goes off with the bartender.

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Front to back: Maria Affinito as Frances, Heather Morrison as Meredith, Mo McFeely as Trisha, Nicole Caccavo as Mindy and Elaine Barton as Georgeanne, star in the play.

Costume creations

An interview with designer Eliza Chugg

By Carol Egan

Behind the scenes of every theatre production stand a bevy of designers and technical support staff, without whom the show could not go on. Eliza Chugg, one of the Bay Area's busiest and most respected costume designers, recently found time to discuss her career in the theatre.

Her next project, the California Shakespeare Festival's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, opened last week and runs through Sept. 6 at the Bruns Theatre in Orinda.

Having just returned from an Elderhostel in Italy, Austria, and Hungary, she seems ready to tackle the last minute emergencies from which every production suffers. This is Chugg's first show at the Bruns, although she designed costumes for seven productions of the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival at John Hinkel Park. It is also her first time designing *Midsummer*. It is her fifth collaboration with the director, Kenneth Kelleher, whose work she says she very much admires. They began planning for this production six months ago.

Chugg's career in costume design began quite late, long after her formal education had ended and her vocation as a librarian for UC Berkeley's rare book collection was well established. However, her interest in theatre began early in life, as a child of 12, when her father created a "theatre" in one half of the family's garage. There she and her younger sisters would put on productions in which Chugg usually played a witch "because I had such a wicked laugh."

Taught how to sew at an early age by both of her grandmothers, it became a part of her life and, when she finally did begin to work in theatre, it was as a seamstress. Shortly after moving to California in the early '60s, she was asked to help with costumes for The Playhouse, a small theatre at Beach and Hyde in San Francisco. Every day she commuted from her job at the library to the city where she would work late into the night. It was at The Playhouse that she met her husband, actor Gail Chugg. They married in 1963.

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Chugg climbing in the Dolomites during an Elderhostel trip.

'In the Company of Men' a stark look at '90s morals

By Tiller Russell

Any film that opens in a men's bathroom would seem bound to have an agenda. But the close proximity of toilets to the two main characters in the first scene of *In the Company of Men* raises questions about whether it's a feminist or a misogynist one.

The fact that the woman in front

of me left the movie crying, while the two women next to her departed in hysterics, offers food for thought. And to be honest, the jury is still out on this one.

The premise behind Neil LaBute's directorial debut is simple; the philosophical implications of it are not.

Let's dispense with plot, because that's not what's important

here: Two men on a company business trip hatch a plan to woo a deaf woman and then drop her as soon as her heart starts to beat.

Chad (Aaron Eckhart) is the cold-blooded brains behind the operation. Howard (Matt Malloy) is the flunky along for the ride. Christine (Stacy Edwards) is their hapless victim.

What's disturbing about these three is that Chad is the most sympathetic of the bunch. Howard is simply too plastic and gutless to win anyone over. And Christine is too much of a victim to spark any kind of connection. Which leaves us with Chad, a predator with pizzazz.

The close association of cruelty and charisma in this movie calls to mind several touchstones from the past. From the rolls of

philosophy, it's easy to think of Nietzsche. And from the land of playwrights, Mamet comes to mind.

While the comparison to Nietzsche may seem like a facile one, it's striking because of how anachronistic it is. In the decade of political correctness, it's mind-

bending to see the woman-hating overman as hero.

Mamet, too, works only as point of reference. LaBute, who was also a playwright before becoming a filmmaker, fashions characters that are too white-collar to possess the tragedy of those in a, say, *Glen Garry Glen*.

Ross. Chad and Howard have the education and the bank rolls that should allow them to rise above the angry-white-men-mold.

The fact that they don't (in fact, they do just the opposite) pro-



Aaron Eckhart plays Chad and Stacy Edwards plays Christine

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Entice children with summer reading

By Barbara L. Sloane

How to entice children to read during the summer? One suggestion: start reading to them early on and they will move from the experience of being held and listening to one of reading for themselves.

This summer I'd encourage you to try some of these new selections from local authors, illustrators and publishers on your little ones.

'Hush Little Baby' by Sylvia Long (Chronicle Books, 32 pages, \$12.95)

Hush Little Baby is the ideal bedtime story for newborns to kindergartners. Long has based her book on the familiar lullaby but with an emphasis on the beauties of nature (shooting stars, crickets and sunsets) and Mother Rabbit's love for her child. This book could well become a treasured part of a child's bedtime ritual.

Papa! by Philippe Corentin (Chronicle Books, 32 pages, \$13.95)

Once in bed, the demons appear. Papa! is a delightful way to scare away the nighttime monsters in your child's room. What if the monster was afraid also and had to be reassured by his parents just like a human child? From this offbeat premise, author-illustrator Corentin has designed a charming, funny book destined to become a favorite of preschoolers.

'What Color Was the Sky Today?' by Miela Ford, illustrations by Californian Sally Noll (Greenwillow Books, 22 pages, \$15.)

What Color Was the Sky Today? provides a lovely way to reinforce the learning of colors. As the day's weather changes, so does the color of the sky from golden sunrise to gray rainclouds to the multicolored rainbow.

'The Puddle Pail' by Elisa Kleven (Dutton, 32 pages, \$14.99)

The Puddle Pail is another splashingly colorful storybook for the 3- to 8-year-old group. Albany author-artist Elisa Kleven has done it again with her vivid, imaginative use of collage art. Her story of two crocodile brothers, Sol and Ernst, who look at the world's treasures very differently is appealing, especially in the way their two viewpoints merge. However, it is Kleven's wonderful illustrations that will hold children spellbound.

Tortoise Brings the Mail by Dee Lillegard, illustrated by Jillian Lund (Dutton, 32 pages, \$14.99)

Tortoise Brings the Mail twists the old tortoise and hare competition. This new version even tosses in a fox as the forest animals endeavor to find the best mail carrier. Adults will have a fairly good idea who will win, but the added message about taking pride in one's work

gives a special lift to this reworked classic.

'Moonstruck' by Gennifer Choldenko with pictures by Paul Halowitz (Hyperion, 28 pages, \$14.95)

Speaking of reworking a classic, what do we need to know about the cow who jumped over the moon? Well, in Moonstruck we get the true story of the cow. Told by a horse! It seems that originally only horses jumped over the moon, until one moonstruck cow insisted on joining their ranks. This is exactly the kind of silly story that young children love, especially when they hear it read right after a recitation of Mother Goose's "Hey, Diddle Diddle."

'Nicolas Pipe' by Robert D. San Souci, illustrations by David Shannon (Dial, 32 pages, \$14.99)

Nicolas Pipe is intended for those kindergartners through third-graders who are starting to read along with Mom or Dad. This retelling of an old tale of a merman and the fisherman's daughter he loves is not written "down" to its audience. The paintings in the book are powerful, and San Souci creates a world of love, prejudice, terror and joy in this story of forbidden love.

The Hired Hand by Robert D. San Souci, illustrations by Jerry Pinkney (Dial, 36 pages, \$15.99)

San Souci has a gift for transforming early tales into

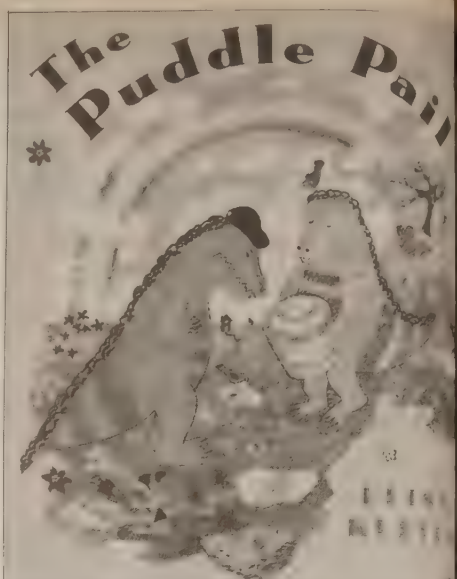
gripping accounts for modern readers. He does it again in The Hired Hand. The original for this African-American story dates back to the 18th century when the tale of a hired hand with magic powers was passed along orally. When lazy Young Sam tries to use the magic spell of the hired hand, he creates some very big mischief. Fortunately, the hired hand is as forgiving as he is powerful, so all ends well.

'Waterman's Child' by Barbara Mitchell, illustrated by Daniel San Souci (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 40 pages, \$16)

Waterman's Child is illustrated by another San Souci, Daniel of Oakland. This is the story of life on Tiughman Island in Chesapeake Bay, as told by a young girl looking back through the generations. What makes this tale so endearing is the sense of family continuity and satisfaction in one's work (in this case, oyster fishing) conveyed through the words and realistic drawings. A warm slice of American life from the turn of the century to the 1960s is captured in Waterman's Child.

Smoky Mountain Rose by Alan Schroeder, illustrated by Brad Sneed (Dial, 32 pages, \$14.99)

Smoky Mountain Rose takes the young reader southward to the Appalachians. Alameda author Alan Schroeder introduces a hillbilly Cinderella as he recounts her story in



Smoky Mountain dialect. Brad Sneed's watercolor illustrations evoke Thomas Hart Benton's humorous elongated figures and tilted landscapes. In Schroeder's version, Rose gets dressed for the ball by a hog, loses her glass slipper on the way home, but still manages to marry the rich feller from the other side of the creek "in just 'bout the biggest shindig ever seen in the Smoky Mountains."

'Gathering the Sun' by Alma Flor Ada, translated by Rose Zubizarreta, illustrated by Simon Silva (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 40 pages, \$16)

Gathering the Sun is an alphabet in Spanish and Alma Flor Ada of San Francisco has written a poem in Spanish for each letter, which Oda Rose Zubizarreta has translated into English. The entire book is with its glowing pictures. Simon Silva is a celebrated the lives and labor of the workers who till the fields, orchards. Appropriately the letter "C" is dedicated to Cesar Chavez. From "A" (arboles/trees) to "Z" (zanahoria/carrot), the book honors the workers, their families and their heritage.

Superb Quixote and Dulcinea head a strong cast

Man of La Mancha, directed by H. James Schlader, at Woodminster Amphitheater through Aug. 17, 531-9597.

By Don McConnell

Seldom has a production had such an uphill struggle as Woodminster's Man of La Mancha. Patrons are familiar with sudden drops of temperature, but Friday's opening performance began with the hilltop already shrouded in fog and the target of a stiff breeze.

The single set—a prison courtyard—looked awfully grim in full daylight, and two of the principals—Bill Carroll as Sancho Panza and Ardith Bertorello as Dulcinea—began with songs that didn't fit their voices well.

From there, the production gradually grew in strength. By

intermission it had a cast a genuine theatrical spell, and by the evening's end, it touched more than a few hearts.

The tale is a fusty one, and the musical goes out of its way to emphasize its beastliness. (I'm not a fan of musicals with gang rape scenes, even if off-stage.) Yet it was in contrast to this—indeed, in unwavering deliberate contradiction of it—that Don Quixote's courtliness could make such an impression.

Quixote was played by Gene Brundage with such gentility and humanity—especially in his treatment of Dulcinea—that we got the point even before he finally stated it: "I hope to add some grace to this world."

Bertorello's Dulcinea was equally well created. She was convincing as the saloon slattern, bawdy and desirable; yet from the

first time Quixote addressed her as a lady, she let us know that there was another side ready to be awakened.

She was the most moving in a scene where she feeds the livestock. To them she feels safe in revealing real tenderness—which told us all we needed to know about the soul Quixote had already recognized.

If you have these two roles that well played, you don't need much more. But actually, the cast was uniformly strong; even the horse and mule were winsome. Bill Carroll was a lovable and stalwart Sancho. Matthew Henson surely played the Innkeeper as well as could be done, making him finally a noble figure.

The most impressive voice belonged to Toby Blackwell as the Padre—a voice with a top range reminiscent of Johnny Mathis—

and Blackwell had a nice way with comedy as well. Susan Powers (Antonia) and Bruce Thompson (Carasco) should have had more to sing, but their quartet with Blackwell and Clarissa Cagawan (Housekeeper) was a high point. Jane Scatena, as the gypsy Fermina, displayed some fairly astonishing abs—which she knew what to do with.

Richard Vetterli's musical direction was strong all evening long; all the hits made their effects. Remarkable for Woodminster, there was almost no dancing.

The final performances are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20 (with various discounts). Call 531-9597 for reservations. The producers don't recommend this show for small children, and we heartily agree.

Dress

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Heather Morrison plays Meredith, the bride's younger sister, torn by an ugly secret and determined to Get Mother by flashing her boobs out the window. Elaine Barton, with a credible Tennessee accent, plays Georgeanne, the unhappily married one, and Nicole Maxwell Caccavo, Mindy, the cool lesbian who takes a humorous view of the man hunt.

Since Impact's first three productions, including David Mamet's *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*, were all "stories told from a male point of view," *Five Women*, "while written by a man balances things out quite a bit," or so they say. Quite a bit, maybe, but not a lot. Playwright Alan Ball's chutzpah in delving into the heart and mind of the New Woman comes down to guys-eye stereotypes of the hysterical, man-crazed Old Woman. The telling case in point is the one entirely sympathetic, rational character in the play: The Perfect Man (played smooth as silk by Eli Savage), the god in the machine with whom the girl can live happily ever after.

Five Women is good fun with its delicious gossip, witty one-liners, some old, some new, but cramming in too many of what

are perceived as women's problems (religion, child abortion) makes it a bumpy ride. An authentic point of view may be better to Wendy Wasserstein.

The Impact Theater (for The New Beginnings Theater Company) has come a long way from El Cerrito, in more than one way. They've shed their tear standing on the rocky bigtime. Current troupe members hail from both coasts in-between and have amassed arts degrees as well as credits from companies around Bay Area and beyond.

Impact's avowed mission breathe life and vigor into they fear is a moribund art with new works, not their plays so to speak, and to away from safe stuff written particularly to make money. Cerrito, the Bay Area equivalent of Peoria.

The company hopes to new audience away from radio, television and virtuality by "keeping ticket prices low, focusing its energy on the and the words, by choosing ity scripts that have something to say to young people," C said.

Chugg

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The following summer they went to Ashland where she was hired as a seamstress while her husband joined the acting company. It was one of her first opportunities to really study the art of costuming. When their son was born in 1965 she retired from her job at the library.

During the late '60s and early '70s, Chugg had several jobs including a part-time position at Berkeley High School teaching costume design and working on numerous productions with the students. From Berkeley High she went to work at UC Berkeley as wardrobe mistress. "I got to know all their wonderful graduate students — Tony Taccone, Richard E.T. White, and a whole bunch of others."

She continued to study on her own and even took some classes. "One summer I took a course at UC Berkeley from Warren Travis. I think he was the most influential person costume-wise in my life. He taught me about texture and silhouette. I rarely miss shows that he designs because I always learn something, and there's always some marvelous visual surprise."

In 1977 she accepted a position as costume director at San Jose State (a position she continues to hold). By the end of the '70s both she and her husband were working quite regularly with the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival. At first she was helping construct costumes, beginning with those for a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. By the second year, however, she was asked to design *Merry Wives of Windsor*, directed by Richard E.T. White, a production for which she won both the Bay Area Critics'

Circle and a Drama-Logue Award.

For the past 17 years Chugg has designed for a number of local theatres including the Aurora, Eureka, Berkeley Stage and Berkeley Repertory Theatre. "Now I design five to seven shows every year. I've done a lot of work at the Aurora Theatre. I just love Barbara Oliver's work. I love the intelligence and the space, and they get great actors and have a wonderful, appreciative audience. That makes such a difference. That was one of the nice things about the Shakespeare Festival when it was at John Hincel Park. It was an incredible audience."

She definitely prefers period pieces over modern dress shows and musicals. "Musicals are not my thing. I don't like to make more than one of anything. Modern dress shows are the hardest to do. Everyone has their own opinion about how a modern character dresses. My role is really to pull it together and make a visual whole out of it with the relationships between the characters made clearer by the costumes."

She does, however, enjoy designing for dance when the opportunity arises and admits to having learned a lot about the movement of costumes by working with dancers.

Recognizing the tremendous importance of lighting to her work, Chugg gives the lighting designer a chart of the different fabrics that she's using with a list of corresponding scenes. "Greens are particularly tricky and, of course, it's *Midsummer Night's Dream* so there will be a lot of green. When you use a pinkish light, the greens often turn gray."

Showing several of her "first idea" sketches for *Midsummer*, one sees that Chugg is equally

concerned with texture, color, style and line. With the play being set in the early 19th century, Chugg drew inspiration from such varied sources as the Brontës, Shelley, Keats, and Byron; British businessmen of that period; the Emperor Franz Joseph; and Amazonian figures from the Middle East and Crimea. Her original inspiration for Puck came from the Pressed Fairy Calendar. "We're going for a very old, a very lively Puck."

The fairies, for whom movement is all-important, will be wearing glorious sari fabrics purchased on University Avenue. "The nice thing about it is that it's mostly polyester which means that they're not going to snag or tear,

and that they're strong and warm and durable." Concerning this mixture of styles and choices, Chugg admits, "The trick is to make them all look like they belong in the same play."

Asked what project she would like to undertake in the future, Chugg responds, "The one I really want to do is King Lear. What I like most to do is real individual character costumes. I like to do gutsy costumes that express what the actor and the director want to express and try to blend it into a whole that will make sense to the audience." Judging from her past achievements, one can assume that Eliza Chugg will once again succeed in her goals.

Men

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duces a strange effect: it makes their viciousness seem that much more vapid and banal. Rather than leaving the theater feeling disgusted, I felt empty.

Aside from that, there are a couple of other things worth mentioning about *In the Company of Men*: 1) it garnered the Filmmaker's Trophy at the Sundance Film Festival; 2) it was shot in 11 days for \$25,000.

Economic constraints forced LaBute to rely on the power of words (vis-à-vis guns) to propel the story. And, the fact that Christine is deaf gives added punch to

the tongue-as-weapon metaphor. The lack of camera movements and the dearth of locations only heighten the effect of the caustic dialogue.

In the Company of Men is important because it's a slap in the face reality check. And if scrutinizing the arid moral landscape of the '90s isn't everyone's idea of a great way to spend a Friday night, well that's understandable.

But as LaBute implies: You can close your eyes in front of a mirror, but the reflection won't go away.

In the Company of Men is now playing at the Act 1 & 2.

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Goings On About Town

Children

Aug. 18
Free Youth Music Workshop: 1-5 p.m.; Musician and La Pen-a's artist in residence, Guillermo Ce'spedes, will be leading an intensive Afro-Cuban music workshop for youth. The workshop will focus on the concept of ensemble playing the "conjunto" format of Afro-Cuban music. The workshop is open to young men and women between the ages of 12 and 18 who play piano, guitar, bass, flute, conga, reeds, congas, timbales (or maracas) and/or sing; through Aug. 22; at the Culture Center, 3505 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Aug. 19
Capoeira with Mestra Ra: Monday through Wednesday 4-5:15 p.m.; through Aug. 27; Capoeira is a combination of acrobatic dance, martial arts and indigenous music, 12 summer sessions for children ages 7-12; Now Sweat Aerobic Studio, 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7-\$9.

Aug. 20
Martial Arts for Kids: 5:45-6:45 p.m.; through Thursday; instruction in jiu-jitsu for ages 5-14, month free with the purchase of a \$31 uniform; Sennin foundation for Japanese Cultural Arts, 10323 Pablo Ave., El Cerrito; 526-7518.

Aug. 21
Berkeley Public Library
31; 2 p.m.; West Branch; Wearable Art: bring a white T-shirt and create your own custom design with a wide variety of fabric pens.

Aug. 22
Lawrence Hall of Science
Aug. 20, noon-2 p.m.; Earth Day is here; discover what happens when you pollute our water system, and just how it is to clean up an oil spill, as well as experiment with intriguing models in this festival of activities.

Aug. 23
Crucible Peak, Berkeley: 642-5123; 528-1958; \$7-\$9.

Aug. 24
Health — A hands-on community health education museum and center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

Aug. 25
Arthritis Foundation Fibromyalgia Support Groups: noon-1 p.m.; Using the Feldenkrais method to address chronic pain with Abby Miller, Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner; for more information, call Barbara Ridley, 204-4503, or D.L. Malinovsky, 601-0550.

Aug. 26
Bar-B-Que: 5:30-7 p.m.; new Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Member Mixer, hosted by the Berkeley Fire Fighters Association, meet members of the Board of Directors, new members, long time members, and everyone in between, hearty refreshments and a no host bar; Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Dr.

Aug. 27
Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals: Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center, Willows Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Aug. 28
Fifty-Plus Fitness Association: 8:45 a.m.; second Sunday of each month; three mile walk/run, wear good running or walking shoes, all levels of ability are welcome, coffee meeting at a nearby restaurant afterward; Tilden Park, Inspiration Point; 530-2790.

Aug. 29
Volunteers needed: Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly

Aug. 27; Survey of International Business

Computer, Office Technology
Aug. 21; a series of classes, two year associate degree, and one-year occupational certificate programs, most classes held mornings, evenings and Saturdays to accommodate people who work.

Aug. 25; Business/Office Technology orientation
Class fee is \$13 per unit; 841-8860 for more information.

Fall Computer Literacy Classes: City of Berkeley's Young Adult Project is now taking registration for computer classes, open to students, adults and senior citizens who are interested in learning basic computer hardware, software and systems. Classes begin in September, with priority for registration given to South and West Berkeley residents; Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St., Berkeley; 644-6226.

Aug. 26
Salsa Lessons: 7-8 p.m., beginners, 8-9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albion Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

Aug. 27
No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio
Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 28
Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m. World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7-\$9.

Community Events

Aug. 14
Homeschool Information Night: 7-9 p.m.; West Branch, Berkeley Library, Berkeley Farmer's Market: 2-7 p.m.; a cornucopia of salsa and hot sauce recipes, and all the fixings, plus live music featuring Ilidee Dale, Amy B and The Nasty, and Mama's Boize. Seize the Sizzle; University Avenue at Fourth Street, Berkeley, adjacent to Spenger's, China Station, and Brennan's.

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50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Seeking Volunteers: Help East Bay children who face loss and serious illness with their families. PediatricCare volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges; 32 hour training begins Sept. 6; 208-3535.

Friends of Marija Foundation: asking to help bring a documentary film about the life and work of the late archaeologist Marija Gimbutas, one of the most influential and controversial women of this century; Reclaiming "Friends of Marija Project" P.O. Box 410187, San Francisco, 94141-0187.

Class of 77 Reunion: El Cerrito High class of 77 is looking for you. Aug. 30 is the 20 year reunion date for the ECHS class of 77. If you, or someone you know, graduated in 1977 and did not receive an invitation please phone Liz Hamala or Mark Canepa at 525-3266.

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Car program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center
Aug. 14; 11 a.m.; Life Planning with J. Frederick Clarke, Jr. on Medi-Cal and Long-Term Care planning.

Aug. 21; 11 a.m.; Travel: Jackie Hetman presents slides of Sicily. Call for the regular weekly schedule.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center
Aug. 14; 11 p.m.; Stretch Exercise with Josephine Castillo

Aug. 15; 1 p.m.; video opera: "La Forza del Destino" Part one with Ken Doyle

Aug. 18; 1 p.m.; Close Up Magic with Oscar Bascara with refreshments

Aug. 19; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; \$1 Half-way Clothing Sale; 1 p.m.; Cello Concert with Vera Golden.

Aug. 20; 1 p.m.; Chinese Club Meeting; 1 p.m.; Low Vision Speaker Beverly Hammer

Aug. 21; 1 p.m.; TV Internet with Dorothy Miao

Call for support groups and special services.

1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107.

Exhibits

Aug. 21
ACCI Pottery 2nds Sale: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; (Sunday noon-5 p.m.) through Aug. 25; ceramics, jewelry, glass for sale, thousands of items by 30 artists; 1652 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley; 843-2527.

Ongoing
Baua Devi: through Oct. 26; a debut exhibition by the Indian artist of paintings on paper and a selection of other works by other artists from the Mithila region of northeastern India; part of the MATRIX program; Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Berkeley Camera Club: members exhibit their black and white color prints in the Berkeley Store Gallery through Aug. 29; Wednesday through Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Corner of Bancroft and Shattuck; 521-7985 or 444-7959.

Growing up Asian in America: contest winners are on display at Berkeley Public Library's South Branch through Aug. 31, the work on exhibit was chosen from 1,900 entries submitted by youths from nine Bay Area counties; 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley.

Photography: through Sept. 12; Kira Chuchom, Liz Corden, Marinell Daniel,



Finest vintage

Vintage vehicles line the streets at last year's Albany classic automobile show. This year's gala affair on Saturday, August 16 promises to be no less spectacular.

Shelly Erec, Bill Gimbel, Kent Hasel, Beth Kientzle, Jan Potts, George Protos, Robert Schwein, Abby Zimberg.

"I Never Met a Color I Didn't Like": through Sept. 2; artist reception Aug. 1; an exhibit of quilts by Freddy Moran; New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 94707.

Art Huang: through Aug. 31; an exhibit of recent paintings, artist reception Aug. 6, 5-7 p.m.; The University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way at Bowditch, Berkeley; (415) 431-3925.

Sticks Fine Art Gallery: Carol Aust paintings and Liz Maxwell paintings and etchings; through Sept. 10; artist reception Aug. 15; 1579B Solano Ave., Berkeley; 526-6603.

Sensations in Steel: Transformative Steel Sculpture: Darin Tennesen presides over her Clockwork Orange studio of steel; through August 15; artist reception July 19 from 6-8 p.m.; Albany Arts Gallery, 1251 Solano Avenue at Masonic.

Stan Peterson: sculpture and furniture, through August 10; artist reception on July 16; 6-8 p.m.; ZIA Houseworks, 1310 Tenth St., Berkeley; 528-9224.

Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serotta, 1988-96: the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Lectures and Workshops

Aug. 16
Shabbaton Lecture: with Rabbi Eliezer Cohen from Oak Park, Michigan. Free and open to the public; Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; for more information call Eliza at (415) 864-5836.

Aug. 17
"The Fragrance of Ink": 2 p.m.; guided tours by Korean art specialist Linda Choy of the exhibition in Galleries 2 and 3; UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Celebrate the Spirit of Multicultural Diversity: 7-9 p.m.; a program of the first Congregational Church of Berkeley's Durant House Ministry, featuring Alice Clark, Ph.D., leadership diversity trainer; 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley; 526-8068; \$20.

Aug. 21
"New Dimensions in Health and Healing": 7-10 p.m.; presented by Joan Borysenko, PhD at the Oakland Convention Center; order tickets through 762-BASS or e-mail Bayarea@bayareapresents.com.

Artists of Mithila: 12:15 p.m.; Curator Lawrence Rinder presents a gallery talk on the paintings of Baua Devi and other artists of Mithila; Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Ongoing
Discussion Group for Children of Holocaust Survivors: 6:30-8 p.m.; an eight week discussion group, topics include the experience and legacy of growing up in a survivor family, thoughts and feelings about the Holocaust, talking with family members about the Holocaust, Jewish identity and other topics of interest to the group; through August 18; Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay, 2484 Shattuck Ave., Suite 210, Berkeley; advanced registration required, 704-7475, Ms. Verdoner; \$10.

Aug. 14; 4-5 p.m.: drop in support groups for job seekers; \$10.

Aug. 14; 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Tapping into your Hidden Job Market; \$5

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6375.

Literary Events

Aug. 18
Poetry of Summer: 7 p.m.; open mike 8:30 p.m.; Friends of the Kensington Library sponsor an evening of poetry, featuring reading by local poets followed by an "open mike," when members of the audience will be invited to share their poems; Kensington Community Center (aka the Youth Hut) 61 Arlington Ave.; 525-0253.

Aug. 19
Melody Ermachild Chavis: 7:30 p.m.; the author reads from her new book about life in South Berkeley, *Altars in the Street: A Neighborhood Fights to Survive*; Berkeley Public Library South Branch, 1901 Russell St.; 644-6860

Black Oak Books
Aug. 14; 7:30 p.m.; Elana Dykewomon, *Beyond the Pale*
Aug. 17; 7:30 p.m.; Walter Alvarez, *T-rex and the Crater of Doom*

Aug. 18; 7:30 p.m.; Ann Davidson, *Alzheimer's: A Love Story: One Year in My Husband's Life*.

Aug. 19; 7:30 p.m.; Ellyn Bache, *The Activist's Daughter*

Aug. 20; 7:30 p.m.; May-lee Chai, *My Lucky Face*

Aug. 21; 7:30 p.m.; Peter Nichols, *Sea Change: Alone Across the Atlantic in a Wooden Boat*

1491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Gaia Bookstore and Community Center

Aug. 14; 7:30 p.m.; Cathy Winks & Anne Semans, *The New Good Vibrations Guide to Sex*

Aug. 14-17; Intuition Conference

Aug. 19; 6-7:30 p.m.; Fiction In Translation Book Group hosted by Samra Vijhghen

Aug. 20; Michael Nagler, *Gandhi The Man: The Story of his Transformation*

Aug. 21; 7:30 p.m.; panel discussion: *The Sacred Heritage: The Influence of Shamanism on Analytical Psychology*

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA; all events \$3.

La Peña Cultural Center

Open Mic Poetry in the cafe has new summer hours, Wednesdays beginning at 8 p.m. except for Nina and Diana's workshops every third Wednesday.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568

Ongoing

Poems Sought in Free Competition: a \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a competition sponsored by the Famous Poets Society. The contest is open to all persons living in the Berkeley area. Prizes will be awarded on or before Oct. 31, and a winner's list will be sent to everyone who enters. Poets may send one poem of 21 lines or less; deadline is Aug. 18; Free Poetry Competition, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Ste. 126, Los Angeles, 90028.

Meetings

Aug. 19

American Schizophrenia Association; 7-8:45 p.m.; Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group for families of children and adolescents with mental illness; Claremont Branch Berkeley Library Meeting Room, corner of Ashby and

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Openings and Closings: Here's this week's openings and closings: Garibaldi's, south of the new Rockridge library and next door to the unheralded Creme de la Creme, is set to open in the space recently occupied by the problematic Caribbean joint (its existence was so short-lived The Maven, suffering many Senior Moments, never committed the name to memory). If this Garibaldi's is anything like the original in S.F.'s Bernal Heights, College Ave. can get ready to be renamed the Gourmet Ghetto, Too...

Another space which has had much turnover, is the upstairs spot on Grand, which long-time Oaklanders will remember as the Pewter Something (another Sr. Mo) and Ronnie Lott's Piemonte Oveste. It's about to get another tenant and will be called Autumn Moon Cafe...

It'll be run by Wendy Levy and Kerry Heffernan who have toiled at The Chez, Campton Place, River Cafe (Brooklyn), and the Sheraton Palace and Elka, respectively. Autumn Moon, with its wonderful garden, will be open for all three meals of the day...

The closings — one of the first restaurants in the revitalization of College dating to the late '70s, is the little pizza joint, Guglielmo's, which just closed its ovens. Made excellent pizza there but The Maven guesses Rustica helped do Gugs in... also, Taste of Louisiana, a very short-lived Cajun eatery on Grand across from Lake Merritt, shut its doors in that much-beleaguered space over there. RIP...

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Cal basketball coach Ben Braun on his contract extension: 'The 1-year ban has had a minimal effect upon the incoming recruits.'

Braun's extension soothes Cal's wrist-slap

By John Gardella

Despite NCAA sanctions against Cal's men's basketball program, the chances of luring top-notch recruits to Berkeley for next season increased Tuesday. Less than a month after discovering its postseason ban would last just one year, Cal signed coach Ben Braun to a contract extension through the 2002 season.

Now, recruits who are considering signing with Cal as incoming freshmen in 1998-97, know sanctions won't shut them out of the NCAA Tournament and that the

coach will stick around for all four years. Braun, who was on the road recruiting for most of July, said the sanctions levied July 17 have had a minimal impact.

"I think most people realize that the No. 1 concern they had upon entering Cal was: would there be any sanctions imposed on them," Braun said.

Since the postseason ban will be in force for just one year and won't affect incoming players next year, Braun said opposing coaches, recruiting players, can't use the specter of sanctions against Cal.

"There's always been a question mark," he said. "Before, it might have been the last question asked by the recruits, but it's always asked. Now, we can finally say it's behind us. The one-year ban has had a minimal effect on the incoming recruits and I think we can survive without having all our scholarships."

"The best thing is that there isn't a lot of ammunition out there for other coaches anymore. Sometimes that was the sore point that was always brought up. Now that question is no longer asked."

Along with the postseason ban, the Golden Bears are on probation for the next two years and lose two scholarships each of the next two seasons. Braun said he plans to sign a minimum of three recruits for the season and hopes to get commitments by September. The early signing period begins mid-March.

"I think the extension will help Cal big time," said team captain Sean Marks. Braun did a great job last year, he deserves this."

Sean Marks: 'A captain doesn't jump ship'

Cal center returns despite NCAA sanctions

SAN FRANCISCO — The one-year postseason ban levied against the Cal program by the NCAA hurts no one more than Sean Marks. As the lone senior, the center's college career will end after the final regular-season game. Although allowed to transfer to any other program and play immediately, Marks decided to stick it out with Cal.

Marks traveled thousands of miles — all the way from Auckland, New Zealand as a matter of fact — for the chance to play NCAA Division I basketball at Cal.

He redshirted as a freshman, came off the bench as a sophomore, and became a fixture in the starting lineup as a junior.

This season, the Golden Bears' 6-foot-10 captain was supposed to help his team build on the previous Sweet 16 season.

That won't happen. "You really feel for Sean Marks," said coach Ben Braun. "But by the same token, he embodies the spirit of our program."

Here's a guy that can't play in a postseason tournament his senior year and he never batted an eye, never thought twice about leaving; and he could go to any program in the country and be immediately eligible.

Got a commitment

"But he just made it clear from the start that he's got a commitment here. He feels that our staff and our school have stood behind him during his career, and he felt it would not be appropriate for him to leave at this time. He's also our captain, and he said, 'Hey, a captain doesn't jump ship.'"

In the month since finding out about the ban, Marks has found solace in two places — the Potrero Hill Recreation Center and Kezar Pavilion — playing for the East Bay team in the San Francisco Bay Area Pro-Am League.

"It's been therapeutic," Marks said Monday after his team lost the first game of the best-of-three championship to SF City. "I play

with a good bunch of guys. I get to run up and down the court. It's a lot of fun."

Playing in front of a packed Kezar gym Monday, Marks and his teammates started slowly and before they knew it, SF City was up, 15-2, on the way to a 115-78 win. (The teams were scheduled to hook up for Game 2 Wednesday, with the third game scheduled for Friday, if necessary.)

Only postseason play

If there is a sense of urgency in a summer league championship it's because this is the only postseason-play Marks has to look forward to this season; in a dimly lit gymnasium in front of, perhaps, 1,500 fans, where children swarm the court at halftime to shoot buckets.

"It's unfortunate what happens sometimes," Marks said in summing up the coming college season. "But you have to move on. We'll (Cal) have to play for a conference championship."

—John Gardella

'You really feel for Sean Marks ... Here's a guy that can't play in a postseason tournament ... and he never thought twice about leaving; and he could go to any program in the country and be immediately eligible.'

—BEN BRAUN, CAL COACH



Sean Marks: 'It's unfortunate what happens sometimes, but you have to move on. We'll (Cal) have to play for a conference championship.'



Albany's all-stars' postseason exploits

The District 4 all-star tournament was a bit unusual. Albany's major league (100-olds) finished with a record of 4-1, but four of the five games were short by the 10-run "slaughter."

Albany opened at home too-easy, 10-0, victory over Mont. Lead-off hitter Matt the stage by hitting the first saw sharply into left field single. By game's end, Ball, Fisch, Noam Kopmar and Armstrong each had two hits.

Cole Stipovich dominated opposition by pitching four of no-run, no-hit baseball striking out 11.

Game No. 2 in the bracket took place in Pittsford, Albany again "slaughtered" opposition — East County the score of 13-3.

In the bottom of the first, off with a walk and J.P. homered over the left center fence.

In the second, Ball hit a home run over the same fence. Albany pitcher Andre Stipovich limited East County to four hits and one earned run. Alex Stipovich applied some additional off-muscle with a bases-loaded in the fourth.

Albany's romp through winner's bracket ended in No. 3 in Antioch. In spite of other stellar pitching performance by Stipovich, Albany trimmed, 4-1, by the home Antioch East. Sternberg hits and scored the only Albany run.

Game No. 4 saw Albany with yet another convincing victory, this time a 11-0 victory over defending District 4 champion Alameda. At its home, Sternberg threw a one-hitter and struck the pivotal blow. A run home run in the first, in the eighth and ninth spots in order, Fisch and catcher DeGange went a combined 4-for-4 and drove in five runs. Albany contributed three more hits in a game which ended after failed to score in the top fourth.

Perhaps if a team lives slaughter rule, it is fated to as well. In game No. 5, Albany into a red-hot Antioch West and succumbed, 10-0. Sternberg could manage a hit against Antioch starter Evers. Again, the game ended in the bottom of the fourth.

Game 1 — Lafayette 6, Albany 2

Albany's Triple A team played three hard-fought games.

Albany's Levi Sheats and Johnson took the mound. Johnson allowing only one hit. Johnson also singled and stole bases. Chris Wijekoon's hit with three hits and Jesse and Donnie Phelps also had hits. Tommy Harkness, playing base, stretched toward the base and made a crucial catch.

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Ex-Cal kicker helps Pack kick Oakland's teeth in Longwell's trying to stick with Green Bay

By Scott Strain

Even after his three field-goal successes Friday night against the Raiders, kicker Ryan Longwell doesn't really expect to stay with Green Bay.

"I still think they are going with the guy they drafted," Longwell said after handling the kickoff and field-goal chores in the Packers' victory over Oakland.

Longwell, who punted and place-kicked for Cal two years ago, was thrust into a first-string role Friday when kicker Brett Conroy, a third-round kicker out of Penn State, pulled a thigh muscle minutes before game time. Enter Longwell, who was picked up on waivers July 10 from the 49ers.

But the sudden start didn't faze Longwell.

"I knew I was going to kick some," he said. "I just did more of it than I expected."

'I'm a lucky guy'

"I don't know what they (the Packers) are thinking, but this has to improve my chances of staying with the team. I'll just go out and do what they tell me to do. I was very happy that they picked me up. The 49ers are a class organization and I was lucky to be with them. Then I went to the world champions and I felt very fortunate. I'm a lucky guy."

Longwell may be shortchanging himself; Packers coaches were non-committal after the game, but Conroy did miss three field goals in the opening game against New England and he is hurt. Longwell may be with the Packers a little longer than they (or he) expected.

Longwell's Coliseum debut kick was inauspicious — he missed a

25-yard field goal attempt wide right with 5:26 left in the second quarter. But he got another chance immediately when the Raiders pulled one of their usual sophomore mistakes, a five-yard penalty for having too many men on the field, and he nailed the attempt, also from 21 yards out.

Second chance

"I didn't swing through, I didn't swing hard enough and it skimmed the right post," he said of his miss. "The next time I swung right through and it (the ball) went straight through. I did that the rest of the game. You have to make it on the first chance and when you get a second chance, you definitely have to make it."

Longwell's most impressive effort came with 45 seconds left in the first half of a 10-10 game. Green Bay had driven to the Oakland 19, but Greg Townsend sacked Brett Favre for a seven-yard loss on third down. That set up a 44-yard attempt by Longwell on the dirt portion (baseball infield) of the field. He made it, giving the Packers a 13-10 lead, a lead they never lost.

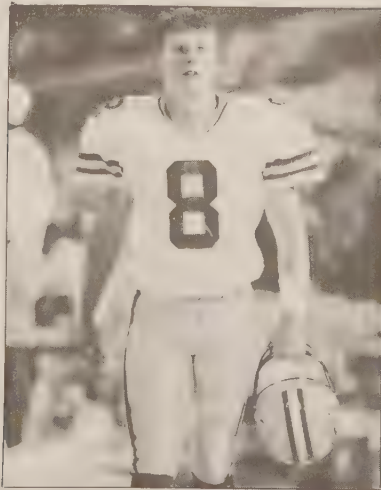
"That was a difficult kick," Longwell said. "It wasn't so much the distance as it was the surface. I was kicking on. I hadn't kicked on dirt that much and I didn't want to lose my footing."

Longwell's last field goal was a 34-yarder with 12:10 left in the fourth quarter.

Kicking on the 'tundra'

If Longwell sticks with Green Bay, he'll have to learn to kick on all types of surfaces and in all manner of weather. They don't call

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Jeff Lundquist
Former Cal
kicker Ryan
Longwell
doesn't think
he'll remain
with Green Bay.



Albany

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side in the fifth.

Game No. 2 — Albany 14, Martinez 11

Undaunted by their first loss, Albany journeyed to Pinole to play Martinez, in a heartstopping game. Albany persevered against daunting odds: a hardhitting opponent and a one-plate ump who called a minus-strike zone.

Still, Johnson, Gabe Presnall, and others threw one beautiful pitch after another, many called as balls by the ump. Sheats and Johnson both pitched shut-out innings, while Presnall secured two crucial outs in the third. Though Martinez scored often, Albany's bats were several degrees cooler. Harkness was hit by a pitch and stole several bases to eventually score and hammered in a run on a bunter's choice.

Wijekoon's streak continued with two solid singles. Max Livingstone's bat exploded with two doubles and a pair of singles. Wiley Archibald walked, doubled and singled, while Sheats walked twice and singled.

Longwell

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Green Bay Field in Green Bay the frozen tundra" for nothing.

While Longwell feels that his success, accomplished before friends (but not family) at the Coliseum enhanced his chances with the Packers, he shows the vagaries of NFL football.

"If not with this team, another team," he said. "I'm glad I have this chance." (Conway) is the drafted guy. He's the kicker and you've got to consider it. You spend a third-round draft

Chris Bastian, Stephens, Sean Dudas, and Jason Flom all walked and eventually scored runs after stealing several bases.

Game No. 3 — Continental Concord 15, Albany 10

With the pressure of double elimination upon them, Albany again traveled to Pinole.

Drew Southern, Johnson and Bastian took the mound in this exciting contest. At the end of four innings, Albany trailed, 11-3, in a long, hard-fought game.

In one inning, Albany scored seven runs to close the gap to 11-10. As Concord tried and then pulled one relief pitcher after another, Harkness, Archibald, Wijekoon, Johnson, Sheats, Bastian, Austin Wagoner, and Southern all drew walks.

Albany stole bases swiftly and mercilessly whenever possible to up the score. In addition, Archibald, Stephens, Wijekoon, Johnson, Livingstone, and Presnall all drilled singles.

In the top of the sixth, Concord scored another four runs. The ump at that point called the game on account of darkness, giving the victory to Concord.

pick on a guy, he is the kicker.

"I made the kicks I had to make. My kickoff could have been a little better, a little longer. The Packers want me to do everything and I haven't worked that much on kicking off or punting. I haven't punted

in two or three months, but I've gotten back into it. Right now, I feel stronger place kicking."

Longwell would be well-advised to continue all aspects of his kicking. Teams move and remove kickers around like chessmen. Teams also don't treat kickers with the respect they accord to star players.

'I don't know what they (the Packers) are thinking, but this has to improve my chances of staying with the team.'

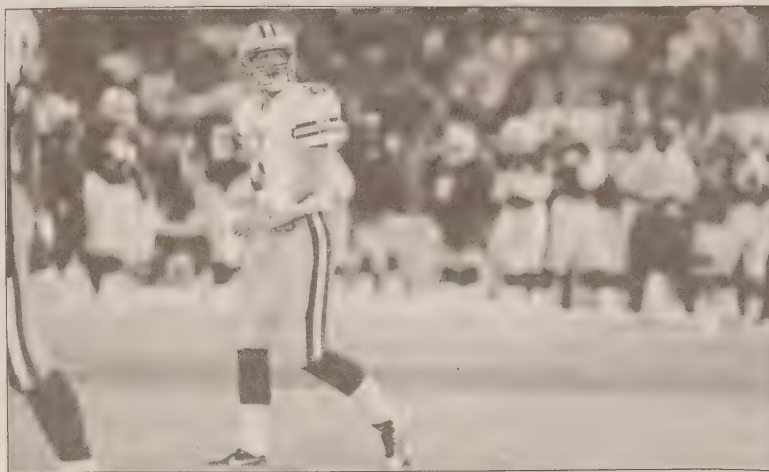
— RYAN LONGWELL

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Jeff Lundquist

Former Cal kicker Ryan Longwell is trying to make it with Green Bay after being cut by the 49ers.



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The Wild Bird Annex is a new wild bird supply store just opened in Berkeley by the owners of the popular pet food store Animal Farm. Located at 1527 San Pablo Avenue (near Cedar), the new store is the only one of its kind in Berkeley, according to store owner Barry Leonard. The store carries everything for the backyard wild bird enthusiast, from a dozen different types of bird seed, sold in bulk or smaller amounts to a wide array of bird feeders, bird books, bird baths and watering systems, birdhouses, and gift items for bird lovers.

about squirrels," says Leonard. "We carry a half dozen different types of bird feeders, designed to keep out squirrels and even feeders designed specifically for squirrels—to distract them from bird feeders." The most popular item so far has been the squirrel "lure," a box-style feeder that is mounted on a fence or tree limb that squirrels learn to climb. Inside, squirrel favorites like nuts or cracked corn are available. Leonard says the popular item has been a success for the store's August celebration of International Hummingbird Day on August 15th, offering a 20 percent discount on all hummingbird feeders (see below).

We wanted to cater to customers from people just starting to feed the birds in their backyards to experienced birders," says the store's general manager Drew Crane. The most frequently asked question so far? "What to do



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Qualifications should include prior security experience, valid California driver's license, excellent communications skills, and a willingness to work with a diverse population.

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Tuesdays, special programs, workshops, classes, seminars, portfolio critiques, etc. and the occasions fifth Tuesdays are Members Creativity Night. They also have field trips and instructional seminars by skilled professional photographers, and workshops.

A busy, active club, with busy, active members. They meet at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, in the Parlor Room, at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For information call 521-7985 or 444-7959

Thank you, Myra Windmiller, for calling me about this, I certainly enjoyed the exhibit and the people, and it was lovely seeing you again after all these years.

I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com, I access it often.

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and play structure that are all this park and make others in El Cerrito offer for our kids to play on.

Lacking the financial wherewithal to upgrade to safer and accessible play equipment and cure the serious deferred maintenance at our city parks, the city council has had no choice but to authorize the minimum maintenance to the grounds. Thanks to neighborhood groups like the Friends of Pointsett Park, who have adopted their neighborhood park and taken it upon themselves to have clean up parties and raise money for playground equipment replacement, a couple of our parks are taking on a new look. Again, visiting these grounds on one of their "day in the park" events is an inspiring experience. It brings home what small town America is all about — neighbor

helping neighbor and creating a sense of community. Watch for the taped program about the Pointsett Park adopt a park effort on highlighting the creekside planting party on channel 25 on Monday, Aug. 18 at noon and 8 p.m. and Thursday Aug. 21 at 8 p.m.

Vision of 21st century

And finally, on a larger scale, the city of El Cerrito was honored to be selected for the 1997 urban design exercise portion of the Prince of Wales's Summer School in Architecture and the Building Arts. Last Friday evening, at the Fairmount Elementary School, was the culmination of a two week process of public meetings, a bus tour of San Pablo Avenue, meetings with businesses, BART, and local interest groups. In all, 21 students and professionals from around the U.S. and the world used the community input,

their field work, including walking the commercial areas and neighborhoods along San Pablo Avenue between the Avenue and the BART tracks/Ohlone Greenway and their academic and professional expertise to focus on the city of El Cerrito.

They presented their product: "El Cerrito: The Centennial Plan, a Community-Based Plan to Take El Cerrito into its Second Century." Illustrated with slides and large color renderings spread out on the walls of the school's all purpose room, the presentation was impressive and inspiring. The key element of the plan focuses on creating a series of neighborhoods along San Pablo Avenue, each existing within a quarter mile, which is a ten minute walk, radius. The strategy calls for strengthening the existing street structure and civic amenities, creating a sense

of public pride in the BART Stations and developing their surrounding districts as unique regional centers, to redesign San Pablo Avenue to make it more pedestrian friendly, to raise ecological awareness by bringing back Cerrito Creek and developing it as an amenity for the larger community of the Bay Area, and to enhance the historical identity of El Cerrito by celebrating its founder, William Rust, with a monument.

El Cerrito is embarking on a two-year process of revising its General Plan and this event was an auspicious launching of that effort. The Institute project was undertaken at the invitation of the city, Sustainable El Cerrito, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, the Albany/El Cerrito Kiwanis Club, Del Norte Neighbors, Marvin Gardens and the Sierra Club. The generous support, both logistical and

financial, from our local community groups and merchants was augmented by financial support from a number of residents and by financial support from the Association of Bay Area Governments Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Again, the numbers of people who participated in this process shows the incredible vision of the future of the community. The packed house of people turned out last Friday night to hear the final report on the high level of interest in helping to shape the future of our city. The event was held in the City of El Cerrito, Parts I and II of the public planning process have been running on Channel 25 for the past two weeks. Part III, Final Presentation, will be on Channel 25 at noon on Friday, Aug. 22 at 8 p.m. and on Aug. 28 at 8 p.m.

Automobile Sales & Services

A Special Feature Of The Advertising Department



by Karen Senzig

Out of Gas...

I am married to a man who just likes to drive. Scott doesn't have to be driving to anyplace in particular, he just gets behind the wheel and goes.

Over the years he has

played with a variety of cars. When I met him, he had a bright orange 1968 Porsche 911. His two roommates also drove sports cars, one a Corvette and the other a Datsun 280Z. We all lived in Laguna Beach, and the canyon road connecting the beach with the freeway became a minor speedway with the guys as they checked out which car was the fastest. It was a winding road and it was generally agreed that the Corvette was best on the straight-aways, but the Porsche usually won the race, beating the cars in the turns.

Since those days we have owned a variety of cars including BMW's, Volkswagens, American cars and Japanese cars, but I have to admit that my favorite is our old and abused 1988 Volkswagen Jetta. After 125,000 miles and on her

third set of tires, the Jetta seems to know us as well as we know her.

When Scott takes her out for one of his drives - the Jetta becomes frisky, seeming to challenge the road and driver. When I drive her, she becomes the sturdy and reliable transportation that gets me where I need to go.

"He discovered one of the nicest drives in the Bay Area, he believes, and last weekend took me along for the ride."

A couple of weeks ago, Scott decided to drive Vasco Road, the canyon road between Livermore and Brentwood. He discovered one of the nicest drives in the Bay Area, he believes, and last weekend took me along for the ride.

Other than the fact that the valley was a little greener when Scott first drove it, it was an absolutely beautiful drive. Scott had nicknamed it the 'Valley of Don Quixote'; for the canyon was trimmed with windmills and crowned with a sky so blue that it felt like part of a fantasy. The rolling, winding road offered views of Mount Diablo that I rarely see (the other side of the mountain) as well as a peek at the Central Valley. It being the height of summer, the orchards were

heavy with fruit and entered the town of Brentwood, we had a pick of fresh fruit and table stands overflowing with some of the sweetest peaches I have ever

Although I'm not the one who drives for the love of driving, I must admit I love to be taken for a ride, especially on a Saturday afternoon. It seemed like even the

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Public entities must pay a fair price when their acts or omissions damage private property, just the same as when they take it for public purposes. The latter process is known as direct condemnation. The former is called inverse condemnation. Both are rooted in constitutional prohibitions against "taking" and, in the case of the California Constitution, "damaging" private property without paying just compensation to the property owner.

In the case of inverse condemnation, the public entity is said to have "taken" some portion of the value of your property by damaging it, thus rendering it liable to you in the amount of the property's loss in value. Usually, public entities are liable for disturbing land stability even if the activity causing the slide or movement is not itself negligently performed.

Thus, for example, if its construction of a road or its underground excavation in connection

I like to remind readers that articles like this can oversimplify things.

with the removal of a condemned property results in land movement or other damage to a neighboring property, it will be liable for the amount of that damage. Another common example is of landslide or earth movement resulting from underground or surface water movement triggered by the activity or

Condemning property

failure to act of a responsible public agency.

When such a problem arises, it is necessary to file a real property damage claim with the offending agency within a specified time of the occurrence. If, and only if, the public agency fails to respond satisfactorily within a specified period of time, the property owner may file suit the diminution of value to the property resulting from the agency's behavior.

If the aggrieved property owner succeeds in proving that his or her property was damaged as a result of the substantial participation of the public entity in a "public use" activity, he or she will be entitled to recover appropriate damages.

Alternatively, a public entity may also be liable to injured property owners under tort, or personal injury, theories, such as trespass, nuisance or negligence. A major difference between the two approaches is that tort theories of recovery requires proof of fault, i.e., negligence, on the part of the public agency. Inverse condemnation does not. On the other hand, if the public agency's behavior is so outrageous that punitive damages would be

available, liability would have to be found under an applicable tort theory.

Every once in a while I like to remind my readers that articles like this can make the process of recovery in case of damage seem much more simple than it usually turns out to be, if attempts at a negotiated settlement are unsuccessful.

One should always keep in mind when considering litigation that proof problems often turn out to be more difficult than anticipated, that various defenses will have to be defeated, and that the costs and delays arising from a less than perfect system can be substantial. All of these factors must be as carefully evaluated by the attorney you consult as the legal theories outlined in articles like this one.

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Good news sends interest rates up

On August 7 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 10 basis points from last week's average of 7.36 percent to 7.46 percent. It stood at 7.32 percent. At the end of the first week of August 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.88 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) rose 4 basis points to 5.53 percent from last week's average of 5.49 percent. A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.89 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, rose 10 basis points from last week's average of 6.90 percent. To 7 percent. This time last year this rate was 7.40 percent.

"The good employment news released last Friday helped push interest rates up over last week's

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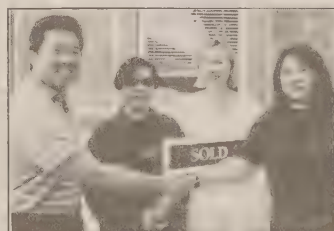
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Left to right: Russell Doi, Lilia Rothstein, Marie Gipson, Mae Lopez-Chua

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Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibition by local artist Karen Gault through September 26. The show reflects Karen's 28 years of exploring and developing a style influenced by improvisational dance, Chinese brush painting, photo realism and impressionism. To view or purchase her paintings stop by the gallery in Red Oak Realty's offices at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley. To enjoy a sample of her work without leaving home. Log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: www.redoakrealty.com. Call 527-3387 for more information.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the **American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI)** hosts its monthly meeting 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 14 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. House inspectors who belong to ASHI of those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. Along with a regular chapter business meeting, Jim Mertone of Ideal Roofing and Roger Robinson of the Star Inspection Group will discuss high tech roofing systems: their proper installation and some com-

mon defects. The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

The Small Business Association (SBA) is hosting a series of workshops called **Meet Successful Small Business Owners**. Successful small business owners, bankers and corporate executives have joined with the SBA to strengthen small business in Oakland. The **SCORE Pre-Business Workshop** will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thurs. Aug. 14, and the **Legal Aspects of Small Business** is on tap from 5 to 7 p.m. Tues. Aug. 19 at the One Stop Capital Shop, 519 17th St. in Oakland. Call 273-6020 for information on this or any of the upcoming workshops.

Cal Fed presents a series of free **Brown Bag Lunch Time Home Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are held the third Fri. of each month. The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/MAX in Motion will present **Seven Powerful Strategies to Save Thousands When Buying a House**, 12:10 p.m., Fri., Aug. 15 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broadway in Oakland. These seminars will teach you the exact steps you'll need to protect yourself when buying a home. Call Gary Robinson at 530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392 for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. invites first-time home buyers to a free No-

Money-Down Seminar, Thurs. Aug. 21 in Oakland. Learn about credit repair, no-money-down purchases, non-occupant co-mortgages, budgeting, down-payment-assistant programs, lease options and the loan process. Call (800) 801-1320 to register.

Product displays, a tool sale, a raffle prizes and hot dogs will highlight Truitt and White Lumber's **August Product and Fair and Tool Sale**, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wed., Aug. 20 Call 845-0511 for more information.

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 28 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k)

fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy for 5 percent down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Investor loans are discussed. Realtors, homebuyers, nonprofit organizations and investors are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to

rent. Get prequalified and receive a list of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information

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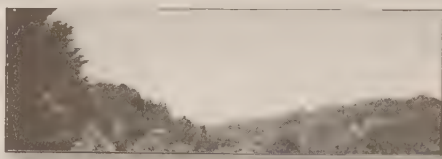
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The **Orchid Society of America** meets at 7:30 p.m. on Monday of each month at the Merritt Garden Center, 6666 Hesperia Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' sale before the meeting. Gardeners share their knowledge, provide plants for a raffle, camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 1210 for more information.

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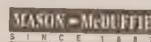
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2BR, 1BA, garage, fireplace, nice bkyd, long driveway for RV, formal dining, hardwood floors. #W41531 Ed Messner 510-799-3527

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3BR, 2BA huge master suite, fireplace, hardwood, workshop, dual windows, central heat, large lot, attached garage. #W41631 Janelle 510-222-8888

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3BR, 2.5BA w/den, 8 years old, fam room, huge finished basement could be in-law or au pair, 2-car gar. w/RV parking, new paint in and out, large private lot. Home approx 2,783 sq. ft. #W41333 Gen Stern 510-234-7808

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3BR, att'd gar., big deck & shady yd w/fruit trees, flowers and white picket fence! New kitchen and bath tile. #W41352 Cynthia Burke 510-262-0000

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3BR, 2BA with huge family room & wet bar. Modern kitchen, fenced yard, newer roof, hardwood floors, great neighborhood. #W41454 Magany Abbass 510-233-7329

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\$47,500 1975 81st AVE. Lot zoned for up to 4 units! Great for contractor! Richard Powell 814-4837

\$105,000 1534 SEVENTH AVE. Nice single-level 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA Victorian near downtown! New foundation, upgraded electrical & plumbing. Added bonus room currently used as 3rd BD. Nina Quan 814-4836

\$119,500 2023 RUTHERFORD. Nice family neighborhood close to shopping & transportation. 3 BD, 2 BA, & off-street parking. Steve Sorensen 814-4898

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\$187,000 2327 38th AVE. Single-level 3 BD w/garage with new roof, heating, electrical & interior plumbing! New kitchen, bath, & windows! Deck with view & basement! Jane Friedrich 521-6892

\$188,000 2023 RUTHERFORD. Duplex with detached cottage in rear! 2-2 BD & one 1 BD units. Steve Sorensen 814-4898

\$210,000 7953 STERLING. Single-level 3 BD w/garage for bungalow, with formal dining room and fireplace, on a large lot! Lovely street & an attached garage! Tere Lee 521-3352

\$230,000 3707 VIRDEN. Panoramic view of Mt. Tampeals, Oakland lights & SF Bay! A wonderful in-level Spanish Mediterranean home with 3 BD, 2 BA, formal living, fireplace, hardwood floors, workshop & decks! Martha Turner 814-4828

\$235,000 376 42nd ST. Large spacious 2-unit building to be sold "as is". Both units 2 BD, 1 BA. Termite & roof inspection available. Probate sale. Barbara Bolton 612-6101

\$250,000 2926 FOOTHILL. Great potential! Former rest home 16 BD, 4+ BA, & commercial kitchen. Steve Sorensen 814-4898

\$259,000 3799 HARRIS. Single-family Victorian in PENDING shape. 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA, formal living, lot is zoned for 21 units! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

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3-bedroom view contemp, gourmet kit, fabulous decks, yard. Sandi Klemmer
170 GRAVATT DRIVE, CLAREMONT HILLS - 4BD/3+BA\$795,000
Beautifully constructed 4-yr old contemp, expansive bay views. Patty Scott
6205 MATHIEU, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3+BA\$759,000
Just listed! Dramatic new country Tudor. Craftsmanship! Vicki Woodhead
2215 BYWOOD DRIVE, OAKMORE - 6BD/4BA\$679,000
Stately English manor, custom features, spacious grounds. Helen Danhaki
86 SHERIDAN, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4+BD/3+BA\$675,000
Lovely new craftsman, quality finishes, fabulous courtyard. Dee Knowland
6258 RUTLAND ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2+BA\$619,000
New listing! 1+ acre, fabulous views, fam rm, pool, elevator. Ann Nichols
5216 PROCTOR, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3+BA\$599,000
New listing! 3-yr old English Tudor, private patio/garden. Wendy Gardner
5560 COUNTRY CLUB, CLAREMONT PINES - 3BD/2+BA\$559,000
New price! Bright one-level, privacy, remodeled kit/baths. Sally Morrison
3 SENIOR AVENUE, BERKELEY - 3BD/3+BA\$550,000
3 bdrm suites, view, new family room/office, library, garden. Rich Gould

6006 WOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA\$549,000
Piedmont side, tastefully remodeled, kit/fam rm, patio, office. Kirk Phillips
6516 HEATHER RIDGE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA\$399,950
Custom 9-yr old contemp in park-like setting, lg master suite. Dick Cohen
4016 OAKMORE ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/1+BA\$389,000
Pristine Tudor, spacious rooms, kit/fam rm, bsmt, garage. Lee Jacobson
6719 CHELTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA\$369,000
Immaculate, 7 years old, level-in, kit/fam room combo. Diane E. McCan
5522 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/1+BA\$359,000
Decorator perfect, family rm w/frpl, level yard, walk to Village. Teri Carlisle
6433 WESTOVER DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA\$349,000
Immaculate contemp, fam rm, mst sle, deck, canyon views. Chuck Corwin
1027 CLARENDON CRESCENT, CROCKER - 3BD/1+BA\$299,000
Light & airy trad, top-of-the-line kitchen & bath remodel, yard. Teri Carlisle
1545 JOSEPHINE STREET, BERKELEY - 2+BD/1+BA\$279,000
Craftsman charm, remodeled tile bath, walk to shops & UC. Rich Gould
3900 ENOS AVENUE, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA\$182,500
Charming bungalow w/art deco touches, lots of light, yard. Lee Jacobson
7729 CREST AVENUE, OAKLAND - 2BD/1BA\$165,000
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Stunning architecture. Beautifully maintained 4BD/4.5BA Medit on 3/4 acre with complete privacy, lush gardens. Georgia Cornell
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Wonderful home on a tree studded acre with unsurpassed views. 6BD/4+BA, rec rm with party kitchen. Helen Danhaki 547-5750
MAGNIFICENT SF VIEW HOME\$795,000
Level-in custom home on approx 1/4 acre. 2 family rooms. 4BD/4+BA, den, private deck, hot tub, gardens. Wendy Gardner
CLAREMONT PINES COLONIAL\$699,000
Beautiful custom home with lovely landscaped gardens. 4BD/3+BA, fabulous master suite, large family room. Dee Knowland
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Soaring ceilings, hdwd floors, 4BD/4BA, 2 family rooms, formal dining. 4-car garage. A best buy! Helen Danhaki 547-5750
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The most desirable lot in Ridgemont! .8 acre, foundation and surrounding walls in place, house plans available. Robyn Mohr
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Wonderful views! Open floor plan, over 2,700 sq. ft. of living space. 3BD/3+BA, large family room or 4th bedroom. Dick Cohen

ALL LEVEL RANCH - MONTCLAIR\$439,000
4BD/3BA including 2 master suites, family room, hdwd floors, updated kitchen, 2 frpls, level yards, 2-car garage. Chuck Corwin
RIDGEMONT FAMILY HOME\$405,000
Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac with wonderful outdoor living on large level lot. 4BD/3BA, family room, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr
ALL LEVEL LIVING!\$369,000
Former model home in Ridgemont! 3BD/2+BA, spacious family room, 2 frpls, huge patio/garden areas, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr
WOODED SETTING - MONTCLAIR\$359,000
Updated throughout with wonderful amenities! 3BD/3BA, large family room opens to creek-side deck, hdwd floors. Chuck Corwin
GLENVIEW CUL-DE-SAC\$279,000
Freshly painted inside and out. 3BD/2BA, large updated eat-in kitchen, family room, hdwd floors, new redwood decks. Dick Cohen
MONTCLAIR VALUE\$279,000
Great space and condition for the price! 3BD/2BA, large plus room, formal dining room, fireplace, 2-car garage. Thomas Wurst
SUN-FILLED TRADITIONAL\$235,000
SF bay views, 2BD/1BA, vaulted ceiling in LR, formal DR, random plank hdwd floors, sheltered patio and yard. Wendy Gardner
CHARMING NORMANDY COTTAGE\$219,000
Immaculate and cozy home nestled in a pretty tree setting near Montclair. 2BD/1BA, updated kitchen, patio. Dee Knowland
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Live up to them in this impressive Montclair masterpiece w/dramatic marb. entry, 3743 sq ft of unique built-in features, wood & bay wvs; 5BR, + rumpus, generous mst st; intercom, jacuzzi; mint cond w/lot new!
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RARE FIND.....\$349,000
Unbelievable price in this custom home located in an expensive enclave in the Oakland Hills: stunning views, level with yard, family room, 3-car garage.
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Spacious kitchen and family room make this home special! Refinished hardwood floors, 2 full BA, level yard and private hot tub can be yours!
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Spacious designer home with fabulous master suite includes cozy fireplace and room-size closet! Sweeping staircase, cathedral ceilings-dramatic!
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Live up to it in style in prestigious Montclair with this 3BR 2BA dream home. You'll love its walls of windows, quality wvs, feeling of solitude, wrap-around decks; mstr w/ist rm.
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HIGH SUMMER MARKET ACTIVITY (Post Memorial Day - August 1, 1997)

CITY	ALBANY			BERKELEY		
	Volume		Change over last Period	Volume		Change over last Period
VOLUME/CHANGE	#	\$		#	\$	
LISTINGS as of 8/1/97	32	8,576,064	+ 3%	145	48,977,085	- 8%
NEW ON MARKET	40	10,157,974	- 20%	192	67,030,214	- 33%
NEW & CLOSED ESCROWS FOR PERIOD	18	4,518,900	- 18%	94	32,241,303	- 37%
CLOSED SALES FOR PERIOD	28	7,497,896	- 13%	160	53,364,320	+ 20%
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$267,782	---	+ 13%	\$333,527	---	+ 25%
AVERAGE DOM (Days on Market)	24	---	- 23%	33	---	+ 6%
PRICE DIFFERENTIAL (Sales Price/List Price)	101.219	---	+ .5%	101.155	---	+ 1%
FULL PRICE-PLUS	18	5,110,900	+ .5%	92	31,775,775	+ 48%

REAL TALK



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The table compares real estate sales activity during our "High Summer Market" to that of our "Spring Market" (March 1 through Memorial Day weekend), published earlier.

The first three categories, "Listings," "New on Market" and "New and Closed Escrows" for Period, deal with activity originating during the High Summer market.

The other categories are based on sales which were, for the most part, incepted during an earlier period, but closed during the post-Memorial Day to August 1 time frame.

It should be pointed out that the designated "Spring Market" has 20 days (approximately 25 percent) more than the "High Summer" market, mitigating the apparent fall-off in activity in some categories.

A look at the market

Important indicator

In fact, in terms of turnover, the intensity of the "High Summer Market" exceeded the "Spring Market" by 3 percent if you compare the average ratios of "New and Closed Escrows" to "New on Market" (from 43 percent to 46 percent).

This will be an important statistic to watch in the future.

Available inventory is also down in northern Alameda County while the average "Price Differential" rose across the board in Albany, Berkeley, Oakland and Piedmont, averaging 100.086 percent.

Full year's data soon

We are now in the midst of the

last of six real estate "Low Summer Market" 1 through Labor Day. Upon completion, we will have a full year of data to compare the average ratios of "New and Closed Escrows" to "New on Market" (from 43 percent to 46 percent).

Interested readers can get complete figures for Oakland, Piedmont in this week's edition, or can contact numbers listed below.

Sherri Willson Oakley, Realtor at the Piedmont office of Mason-McDermott, can be reached at 428-0900 or mail at oakleySW@aol.com.

One step closer to victory

In a unanimous decision, the California Court of Appeal reversed a lower court's dismissal of a home improvement loan fraud case brought by an elderly Oakland widow. The court found that the plaintiff could continue to pursue her claim for fraud, unfair business practices and emotional distress.

Consumer fraud victims are often unsophisticated with limited access to legal help. As a result they are often unaware that consumer fraud cases can go forward even when the fraud is discovered after the statute of limitations has expired.

The victim in this case owned a

small home in Oakland. A home improvement loan contractor convinced her to borrow money to pay for home improvements and to consolidate her consumer credit card debt. She was told that her monthly payments would be approximately \$320 a month.

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Number 207 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Wow! There's nothing like adding a broken sewer line to life's regular problems.

The old clay sewer pipe that has served my duplex since it was built around the turn of the century is busted. The pipe is buried

Balancing grief and joy

six feet down in cement-like clay. For two days now several men and a backhoe have worked to expose the pipe. They started at the curb and worked back 30 feet, heaping the dirt — big piles of it — onto the sidewalk and front yard.

Finally they located the bad section and replaced the pipe. Expensive. Very worrisome.

It could have been worse though. If the pipe under the street, the section that connects with the city sewer main, had been bad too, it would have been necessary to dig up the street at my expense. That could still happen some other day but for now, the line is fixed.

Next all the dirt must be put back in the long hole, then tamped down. What a mess.

We hope the tree is all right. A beautiful liquidambar tree stands next to the sidewalk, provides shade, lends color and life to the building.

Just a week or so before the sewer problem became apparent, the city had removed a section of sidewalk in front of the building. This was done because the tree had raised and cracked the sidewalk.

The sidewalk crew chopped away parts of the tree's roots. A new section of sidewalk hasn't been poured yet because the city is trying to determine if the tree is stable.

So there is this big mess — no sidewalk, piles of dirt, large hole. Plants that were dug up lie dead on the sidelines.

I was gratified by the many fine people who applied to rent from me, people who love their living spaces light, clean and pretty.

Meanwhile — can you picture this? — the exterior of the building is being painted. It just happened that way. The painters arrived on the same morning that the sewer repair people came.

There are people all over the place. Painters move their ladders around, climb up them with grinder and spray gun in hand. They deftly position themselves around the dirt, straddling the hole without complaint and get on with their work.

The backhoe operator, ear muffs in place, patiently piles scoop after sticky scoop. Men move it around, talk to us about the progress.

I keep telling myself it will be over soon. All I have to do is supply money and wait. The building will look fresh, handsome in new paint. The hole will disappear and the sidewalk will be smooth again. I do hope the tree survives.

This is the same building where I had the ants-in-the-freezer problem a few weeks ago. The refrigerator had been unplugged for a week or so and when it was turned on, a large number of ants appeared inside. They coldly, slowly

lined their way to the freezer where they froze. Everyday we vacuumed them up; everyday there were more.

A woman who read about the ants called me to say she'd had a similar problem with cockroaches. Her advice: "Don't give up. It took three service calls before the repairman figured out what was wrong with my refrigerator and fixed it."

But after two weeks of vacuuming, the ants were still legion. I bought a new refrigerator and moved the old one to the garage. Amazingly, 24 hours later there were no ants anywhere. I have no explanation for this.

Before new tenants moved in a month ago, I went through my first-ever (thank goodness) tenant nightmare. The newly vacant building needed patching, paint, floor work, numerous repairs. For some unknown reason the tenants had removed and discarded much of the window hardware, the stair carpeting and some light fixtures.

These were replaced, as were some miniblinds. Everything needed cleaning, including floor and wall heaters and windows.

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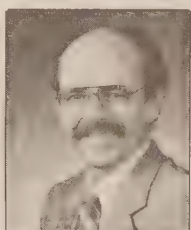
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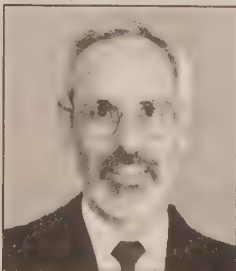
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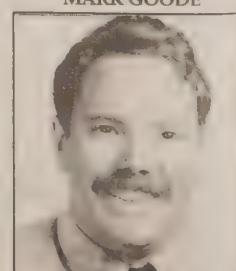
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Victory...

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The elderly woman neither read nor understood the documents that the lender brought for her to sign. She was not made aware that the loan was called for a balloon payment of almost \$33,000 in five years. The documents she signed also provided that, if she missed even one payment, she would lose

her home in foreclosure.

Since she lived on a small, fixed income, it would have been impossible for her to accumulate the money needed to make the balloon payment. In addition shortly after the loan was made, she learned that, rather than the \$320 a month she expected to pay, the payment was closer to \$429 a month.

When she fell behind on her payments, she received a Notice of

Foreclosure, discovering for the first time that the mortgage with the balloon payment was on her home.

Years passed and a suit was filed but the court dismissed the case on the grounds that the three-year statute of limitations for fraud had passed. But the appellate court found that the time limit should be based not on the monthly payments but on the existence of the balloon payment.

The court also held that whether or not the victim had suffered emotional distress must be determined by a trial.

The victim was represented by Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean's Christine Noma, president of the nonprofit Legal Assistance For Seniors, which provides counseling to and represents seniors on elder abuse, elder fraud and government benefits matters.



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WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

How to buy value

Before writing an offer, every buyer should have the answer to this question: "Am I getting my money's worth?" In today's rapidly rising, sellers' market, some buyers take false comfort in the thought that the price they pay today is not really important because the prop-

erty will be worth more next year.

A buyer can avoid making this, as well as other, costly mistakes by understanding the basic principles of house buying.

Buy with selling in mind

This is the dictum that supercedes all others. No matter how much you love the house and think you will be there forever, the day may come when you will want to sell.

Keep this thought uppermost in your mind as you consider the following points.

Location is the key determinant of value

Although a cliché, nevertheless, it is my prime advice: buy location first, house second. Some buyers think they can do an end-run around the system by buying in a "coming" area. This is usually wishful thinking. With few exceptions, top areas stay tops and less desirable stretches tend to remain in that category.

Every property has a maximum value

Although subjective, this is true for any given moment in time. Obviously, if the property was fully marketed, its sales price indicates the market value on that date. What it doesn't tell you, however, is how much that home might sell for in a different market.

Learn from history. An experienced, local Realtor familiar with past trends in the area, can be invaluable in helping you understand market tendencies, past, present and future, relative to prices.

Condition counts

What seems to be a common-sense concept is often disregarded by buyers, i.e., a house in excellent condition has greater value than if it has substantial problems. I can think of two types of situations where a buyer may ignore the obvious to his detriment.

The first is when he purchases a home with problems "As Is" for what seems like an attractive price. The second occurs when there are multiple offers and the buyer agrees to be responsible for pest control, drainage or other items in order to get his offer accepted.

Without a complete understanding of the financial and emotional costs before committing to a home, a buyer may end up in an unenviable situation. Despite the competitive nature of a sellers' market, a buyer does have choices.

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Coming up with enough cash for a down payment and closing costs can be a hurdle for many buyers, particularly first-time home buyers. But, there are ways you can buy a home without much cash on hand.

For example, there is a new first-time home buyer program. It's called the risk-share or 2 percent down program, and it lets you get into a house with only 2 percent cash down. The additional 3 percent cash can be a personal loan from your credit union or a relative. This 3 percent personal loan must be a fully amortized fixed-interest rate loan with a five year due date. An amortized loan is paid off in full during the term of the loan (five years in this case).

Many first-time buyer programs will only give loans to borrowers whose income is below a certain level. That level is often so low that many first-timers with high incomes can't qualify. One benefit of the 2 percent down program is that it's available to borrowers with annual incomes up to \$80,000.

A limitation of the 2 percent down program, especially for buyers in high-cost housing markets like the San Francisco Bay Area, is that the upper loan limit is \$207,000. Using this loan program, you can purchase a home with a purchase price of up to about \$217,500 with 2 percent of your own cash and a

The down payment hurdle

personal unsecured loan for 3 percent of the purchase price.

Another drawback to this and most low-down first-time buyer mortgage programs, is that the lender requires the borrower to pay Mortgage Insurance (MI). This protects the lender in case the borrower defaults on the loan. The cost of MI varies depending on the company and the type of loan, but it can effectively add .5 to 1 percent to the cost of your loan.

Most lenders make MI a requirement when the borrowers are taking out a loan for more than 80 percent of the purchase price. In the past, one way around this was if you had less than 20 percent for a down payment was to do 80-10-10 financing.

With 80-10-10 financing, the buyer finances the home purchase with an 80 percent first mortgage and a second mortgage (either from the seller or a conventional lender) for 10 percent of the purchase price.

Currently lenders who sell their loans to Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae, require MI on 80-10-10 financing deals. To avoid this, the first mortgage can't exceed 75 percent of the purchase price. This means that either the borrower puts down more cash, or the second has to be increased. On jumbo loans that aren't being sold to Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae, 80-10-10 financing without MI is still available.

Few buyers like the idea of paying MI. But, does it make sense to postpone home buying until you save enough cash so that you won't have to pay MI? Probably not, unless there are other factors influencing your decision.

One of the most important fac-

tors that should influence whether you buy now or wait to save more cash is what the real estate market is doing. Are home prices in your area rising, falling or are they stable? In markets that are experiencing rapid home price appreciation, you are probably better off buying now than waiting.

Suppose that you have \$20,000 cash to put down on a home. You can qualify for a 90 percent loan, so your down payment will enable you to buy a \$200,000 home. If you buy now and home prices appreciate 7 percent this year, your home will be worth \$214,000 next year. Your \$20,000 earned a 70 percent return for the year (\$14,000 divided by your \$20,000 investment).

If you were to wait to accumu-

late a 20 percent down payment, you would have to save another \$22,800 to purchase the same house. Due to appreciation, the same house will cost \$14,000 more next year than it does today.

When prices are declining, however, you may be better off waiting, particularly if you don't have enough cash to buy a property that truly suits your housing needs.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California" and "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide" (Chronicle Books). Order from Inman News (800) 775-4662.

Tarpoiff...

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The yard had not been watered in months. Several dump runs were made.

It took a month and a lot of good help to make the building whole again. I was surprised to find that I didn't feel sour. Hurt by what had happened, certainly, but gratified as always by many fine people who applied to rent from me, people who love that their living spaces are light and clean and pretty.

Well, I'm here now, and there really is no point in worrying. Everything that can be done is being done well. I have real pros working for me. The painting crew is terrific, so are the plumbers.

Still, I agonize. I feel so tired. I feel like I'm caught in a very slow-moving, bad movie scene. Also, and this is a problem I've encoun-

tered before as a building owner, I hate having to spend money on underground work, something that gives no visual pleasure.

This week I ordered brass doorbell buttons and plates for the side-by-side doors. I can hardly wait them installed.

As I fall to sleep at night to concentrate my thoughts on the new look the house will soon have — grape doors, glistening brass soft red brick porch and so on.

When I interview tenants, I always ask if they're the kind of people who sweep the floors. I like having "owners" in the building who care about its look.

Anet Tarpoiff and Paul are licensed real estate agents and residential specialists who offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They reached at 653-2050.

Getting rid of waste

This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage or get rid of that unsightly pile in the back yard or the back corner of the house.

Perhaps you've been putting off the task because of "things" lying around you just don't know what to do with: the rest of that varnish from when you finally got around to finishing that table, the oil from the last time you decided to save money and change the oil in the car yourself and the half a can of smelly insecticide that worked so well on those invading ants (it's no wonder they left!).

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- 7001 EXETER, Montclair, 4bd/3 1/2ba huge view home Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232
- 21 CAPTAINS COVE, Hiller, just listed! 4/4 (3 mstr suites), hwdws Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammer 339-1174
- 3003 TOTTERDELL, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, sylvan, 2 mstr bd, level yd Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212
- 6516 HEATHER RIDGE, Montclair 3bd/2+ w/lg mstr, park-like setting \$399,950 Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

- 6075 OAKWOOD, Sunny, remod 4bd, home office set-up, mstr suite Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846
- 4016 OAKMORE RD, Pristine 3bd/1+ba tudor, kit/fam rm, bsmnt Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- 6719 CHELTON DR, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, kit/fam rm combo, level-in Pacific Union, Diane E. McCain 339-6460
- 1077 TRESTLE GLEN RD, Crocker, sunny 3/2 1/2 Med, lovely garden The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400
- 5522 SNAKE RD, Montclair, 2+1/4, decorator perfect, walk Village Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 1116 LONGRIDGE, Crocker, contemporary w/light & charm, hill vw Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000 X274
- 2901 CARLSEN ST, Lincoln Hts, 3bd/2 1/2ba, stunning, nw listing! Better Homes, Rachel Balier 530-3860
- 6828 ESTATES DR, Reduced \$20K, 3+1/2, bay/hill vws, deck, patios The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 33 CORTEZ CT, Montclair, 3+bd/2b, walls of glass, stunning/unique! Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-8900 X239
- 6433 WESTOVER DR, Montclair, 3bd/2+ba, mstr, fam rm, canyon vw Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 2639 CAMINO LENADA, Montclair P.Pines, 5bd/2ba charming trad'l Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643
- 3750 LAKESHORE AVE, Gracious 3+bd Medit, classic floor plan The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 5834 MERRIEWOOD, Montclair, 3bd/2ba with bay view! flat lot Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400
- 6879 BRISTOL DR, Claremont Hills, sun-filled 3bd/2ba, hm office The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- 6712 HEARTWOOD DR, Montclair 3/2 w/trad'l charm, 2 frpl, rec rm Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174
- 19 HAWKS HILL, Hiller, price reduced! 3bd/2ba w/piano view Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Gayle Tantau 989-9409 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 260 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR, Fab 3bd/2ba brick ranch, 2 frpl, hwdws Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499
- 4111 LYMAN RD, Oakmore, stylish 3/2 Tudor, detail, updt'd kit/ba The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400
- 2413 POTOMAC AVE, Mornem Temple, nw constr, quality 4/3 w/vw Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-2521
- 363 ELYSIAN FIELDS, A rare find! 4/3 ranch w/mstr suite, family rm Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499
- 1701 ARROWHEAD, Montclair, 2bd/2b, lovely gardens, front patio Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 2663 LAS AROMAS, P.Pines, 2bd/1ba compact starter, lg yard Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 1800 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair, charming 2/1, FDR, artist studio The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- 4383 TERRABELLA PL, Montebello Terrace, beautiful 3bd/2+ba Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 958 WARFIELD, New listing! 3/2 spacious trad'l, 2 plus rms, frpl Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174
- 6064 COLTON, Hwdw floors thru-out, tile baths, 3/2 w/open fir plan Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846
- 1027 CLARENDON CRESCENT, Crocker, airy 3/1+, kit/bath remodel \$299,000 Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 365 BELLEVUE, Adams Point, 4bd/1 1/2ba mini-mansion, "as is"..... Large lot. New listing! Art Realty 465-4805 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30
- 705 SANTA RAY, Crocker, updated 4/2, frml LR & DR, rumpus, yd The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400

- 6376 THORNHILL, 2 master suites, great entertaining! Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Nancy Tausig 524-8249
- 1669 E. 38th ST, Glenview, huge 3bd/2ba Med w/3 rm basement Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Malus 287-2501
- 6746 AITKEN DR, Piedmont Pines, 3bd/2ba, move in condition! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239
- 3956 FRUITVALE AVE, Oakmore, remodeled 3/2, reduced! mstr bd Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 144 RISHELL DR, Crestmont, lovely 3/2, FDR, rec rm, Indscpd, view The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 3438 MONTEREY, Redwood Hts, lg 3bd/3ba w/in-law unit, nds w/d Gadsby & Associates RE, Ingrid 748-5300
- 2422 WILBUR, 3bd, hwdw floors, fireplace, private yard Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010
- 4140 MONTGOMERY ST, Reduced! charming 2bd brown shingle Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 482-0860
- 1289 BATES RD, Trestle Glen, 3+1/2 Engl.cottage, terraced garden The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400
- 681 SPRUCE ST, China Hill, 3+bd/1+ba, full bsmnt, move in! Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 3422 WEST ST, 3+bd/2 1/2ba, FDR, 2 rec rms, upscale elegance Mason-McDuffie, Julia Rogers 834-2010
- 4373 STEELE ST, Quiet nghbrhd, 4/2 w/Valley View abv MacArthur Kane & Associates, Kathie Ng 736-7651 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4
- 3911 NORTON AV, Laurel, spacious 3bd/2ba, rumpus, patio, creek Coldwell Banker, Vicky Faulk 339-1174
- 4567 ELINORA, Redwood Hts, spacious 2/2, move in condition! Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 1016 ELBERT ST, Glenview 2bd/1 1/2ba, unique home in woody setting, Hardwoods, decks, view. Agent 839-4395
- 1808 PLEASANT VALLEY AVE, 2/1, walk to all on Piedmont Ave Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036
- 3839 CANON AVE, Glenview, 2+bd/1ba, FDR, bonus rm, built-in! Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400
- 5229 BOYD AV, Rckrdge, perfect starter! 1/1, charml nw kit, garden The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400
- 3216 COURTLAND, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, spacious new interior! Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 3900 ENOS AVE, Laurel, charming 2/1 bungalow, art deco touches Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- 2730 MONTICELLO, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, FDR, recent remodel National Real Estate Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380
- 5726 FLEMING, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, just listed, well maintained! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 912 EAST 10th ST, 2bd/1 1/2ba, stunning condo, live/work. New construction, huge garage. Martino Real Estate 523-9300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 370 OAKLAND AVE, 3bd/1ba remodeled craftsman plus 1bd in-law Dave Finger 848-8976 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 7729 CREST AVE, 2bd/1ba, new listing! pano bay vws, hwdw floors Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
- 6027 BUENAVENTURA, Millsmont, 2bd/1ba Spanish Med bungalow Gadsby & Associates RE, Margaret 748-5300
- 3634 CALIFORNIA ST, Just listed! sweet 2bd starter, frpl, Indscpd Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 3365 WISCONSIN, Cute & funky cottage, large lot, 1+bd, extra space! Wells & Bennett, Hilda Novelo 531-4633
- 3829 OPAL ST, 2/2, Plain Jane wrapper holds hidden treasures! Better Homes, Anida Weyl 339-8400
- 2626 MINNA AVE, Fruitvale, 2bd/1ba Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

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Dunning...

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You don't like it, they won't like it

What is a negative feature to you, will probably be an undesirable one to others. The greater the number of negatives, the more difficult the sale and the lower the selling price.

Some buyers are not conscious of the impact of these deficiencies, but they may ignore them, thinking they will "fix them later." The unexpected expense of doing so, or the lack of time, may intervene. When it is their turn to sell, the negative is still there.

Size. Homes under 1,000 sq. ft., particularly those with only one bedroom, are less in demand. I have been involved with two recent sales of good areas that serve as examples. One is a one-bedroom, 600 sq. ft. house with curb appeal on a lovely, wooded lot. The seller originally asked \$200,000 (\$333 a sq. ft.) in 1990 and sold it for less than 80 percent of that amount.

The second, a two-bedroom under 900 sq. ft., was purchased for \$29,000 in 1990 and sold for substantially less. This house has an additional room (with outside access only) which helps, but still creates objections.

In both cases, the sellers had invested money to improve the properties, so their losses were even greater than the differences between their buying and selling prices.

Nonfunctional floor plan. This should encompass anything from a "road car" type layout to one where you must go through the kitchen to get to the master bedroom.

Also included could be a customized job suited specifically for the person. I have seen many examples: the rumpus room converted to a bowling alley (done 25 years ago), the garage made into a family

room, bedroom or shop; the entire backyard taken up with a swimming pool. Unorthodox floor plans and specialized rooms/areas have limited appeal.

Ill-advised renovations. Replacing wood sash windows with aluminum in a traditional style house, and covering hardwood flooring with linoleum or tile fit into this category. They detract from the charm and character of the home.

Unattractive or poorly maintained properties nearby. Even in the best neighborhoods, surrounding properties, for better or worse, will have an impact on yours.

Too many steps. Level-in is considered a plus; too many steps are a detriment. The exact number is subjective. You may find the house magnetic and disregard its 60 steps up, but the reality of making that trek could change your thinking over time.

Outside living. Many houses have only steep, unusable up or downslope lots. A deck is sufficient, even preferable, for some people. Most buyers, however, want an outside area, preferably level, where they can relax, provide a play area for their children, or garden.

Privacy. We all like our own space. Properties surrounded by other buildings that impede their privacy are less popular.

Proximity to a... Although convenient if you have children who will attend the school, being across from or adjacent to a school or active public park is not considered a plus. The concern here is noise, traffic and safety. This is also true for homes on busy, main streets.

Earthquake areas. Properties located in what are commonly called Special Studies Zones require special disclosures and may be subject to certain building and insurance restrictions. Some buyers will not even look at homes in these areas.

If you don't like it, you can fix it

Some houses don't show well, but, with some imagination and good taste, you can improve the look and increase value.

Unattractive exterior. Maybe it needs a new or different paint job. Removing the old fashioned metal awnings could help. What about adding or changing some moldings, or adding a new railing? Sometimes it doesn't take much to improve street appeal.

Dark interior. Adding or changing windows not only provides more light, but can also improve both interior and exterior appearance. Well placed skylights can do wonders for a dark house. Increasing light significantly enhances the living experience and adds to value. Bright and sunny sells; dark doesn't.

Lack of charm. It is amazing how some people with the right combination of abilities can transform an unappealing, bland property into one that is cozy and inviting.

Landscaping. An attractive front and backyard are very pleasing. This can often be done inexpensively.

Final thoughts

Every day, people buy properties with some of the issues mentioned above. If you are in this group, make sure to factor into your offer the value of any defects, whether they are curable, and their likely cost. If you are diligent and pay attention to the process, you will be happier with your purchase and get value for your money.

Call me for copies of my previous, related articles: *Check Drainage; Not Just Termites; Buyers' Do's & Don'ts; As Is Pointers; and Home Inspections.*

Don Dunning is a 17-year real estate veteran. He is a full-time Realtor and consultant with Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland. Call him at 531-7000, ext. 239 to put his knowledge and experience to work for you.

ARCHITECTURE AND HOMES

JOHN FLOSS, AIA

A matter of taste

Recently I have been fascinated with 18th-century French furniture but there was something about the spirit of the furniture that I just could not understand. The ornateness and the almost encrusted decoration left me kind of puzzled. The workmanship is marvelous but there was a lingering "why" in my mind.

A friend said that if I really wanted to understand the furniture I should look at the clothing. Well, that was a mental lightning bolt. Picture me in my super casual dockers, sneakers and a denim shirt thinking about the way the 18th-century French royalty dressed.

Clearly the clothing follows logically with the furniture. Both are highly decorative, elaborate, formal and somewhat uncomfortable. I suppose in France the king set the style and all the nobility copied.

Antique furniture—beautiful, yet uncomfortable—has always been very hard for me to understand. It makes more sense if you realize that it was used for show where comfort was not a high priority. Clothing offered no comfort and neither did the furniture and that was an accepted norm. (but it could look awfully good!)

Today some designers are look-



and traditional room (and often the most under utilized). The kitchen is possibly the most revolutionary space. In the great old homes of past centuries they were smelly spaces that were hidden away in a remote part of the home and utilized by servants.

A striking number of clients say that the kitchen is where a lot of entertaining occurs. As a result stools at counters and islands are increasing common. The kitchen opening to a family room is probably the most common spatial arrangement. This arrangement bears more similarity to single room pioneer homes than to the great homes of Europe even though it occurs in homes in all price ranges and across the social spectrum.

I suppose the point I'm coming to is that we often look at the past to find solutions for today and clearly the history of buildings and interior design are instructive but to a surprising degree we are more in uncharted waters than we realize. While we often design homes in "traditional" styles our life style is a long way from the way people lived in the past.

Just as casual clothing has swept the market so too casual design is reflected in our homes and while the facades may be traditional the floor plans typically are not. On a recent trip to Great Britain I visited a number of fabulous 18th-century homes and experienced a puzzled feeling about them, much the same as my reaction to the French furniture. The unique nature of American life-styles can be forgotten in the rush of every day but in many ways our "familiar designs" are historically very new.

John Floss is a San Francisco architect with 20 years experience who specializes in residential work. Call him at (415) 626-8790.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

3282 GEORGIA ST. 2 1/2 twnhs, FDR, lg LR w/frpl, mstr w/sauna \$139,900
Red Oak Realty, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

3281 MONTICELLO, Newly refurbished 2bd, deck, yard \$125,000
Red Oak Realty, Shirley Covington 287-2532

3280 OCTAVIA ST. 2bd/1ba, adorable bungalow, lovely garden \$119,000
Red Oak Realty, Victor Fierro 832-4339

3279 CARRINGTON, 2bd bungalow, Frpl, credit for closing costs \$103,900
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3278 ALAMEDA Open Sunday \$450,000
Red Oak Realty, Donna Luci Williams 834-2010 SUNDAY 2-4:30

3277 OTIS DRIVE, 3bd/2ba gorgeous lagoon home \$389,000
Red Oak Realty 339-9290, D. A. Hammond 869-4219 SUNDAY 2-4:30

3276 OTIS DRIVE, 3bd/3ba, great spacious lagoon home \$349,000
Red Oak Realty 339-9290, D. A. Hammond 869-4219 SUNDAY 2-4:30

3275 ALBANY Open Sunday \$349,900
Red Oak Realty, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3274 POLK ST. Newly remodeled 2+bd/1ba near Albany schools \$198,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X124 526-3352

3273 MASONIC, Albany, 2bd/1ba \$188,000
Red Oak Realty, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3272 BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm \$795,000
Red Oak Realty, Panoramic Hill, 3bd/2+ba, gourmet kit/family room \$795,000
Red Oak Realty, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3271 BUCALYPTUS RD, Enchanting Brown Shingle, SF vws, 4/3, gdn \$659,500
Red Oak Realty, Judy Rankin 339-0400

3270 BAY VIEW PLACE, 4bd/2+ba \$599,000
Red Oak Realty, Gaby Olander 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3269 EUCALYPTUS, Stunning Henry Hill contemporary, 2+bd/3+ba \$575,000
Red Oak Realty 845-6021, Julie Lehman Butner 849-2092

3268 SENIOR AVE, 3bd suites/3+ba, fam rm/office, library, garden \$550,000
Red Oak Realty, Joanna Gould 339-6460

3267 MONTROSE, Berkeley, 5bd/3ba \$549,000
Red Oak Realty, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3266 THE ALAMEDA, 4bd/2ba, quality, style, location! \$419,000
Red Oak Realty 834-2010, Kathleen Weiler 635-9821

3265 VISTAMONT, 1/3+acre, pvt sylvan retreat, immaculate 2bd/2ba \$369,000
Red Oak Realty, Tricia Swift 652-2133 X140

3264 CARLETON, 3bd/3ba \$349,000
Red Oak Realty, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3263 GARBER, Claremont, charming 2bd/2+ba bungalow \$310,000
Red Oak Realty 845-0211, Vicky Friedman 898-9406

3262 JOSEPHINE ST, 2+bd/1+ba, craftsman cham, walk shops/UC \$279,000
Red Oak Realty, Rich Gould 339-6460

3261 ASHBY, 2bd/1ba \$269,000
Red Oak Realty, Lori Arazzi 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3260 BERKELEY WAY, 3bd/2ba \$269,000
Red Oak Realty, The Longs 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3259 BENVENUE, Berkeley, 2+bd/1ba \$250,000
Red Oak Realty, Chris Cohn 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3258 CEDAR ST, 2bd/1ba, remodeled bath & kitchen \$249,000
Red Oak Realty 845-0211, David Ichikawa 547-8978

3257 VIRGINIA ST, North Berkeley, 2bd/1ba w/nice yard, low \$196,000
Red Oak Realty, close to BART. By Owner 526-1592 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

1712 CALIFORNIA, A gem! pretty yd/nice nghbrhd, 2bd winner! \$195,000
Red Oak Realty, Nina Shoehalter 527-3387 X122 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

815 DELAWARE, 2bd/1ba \$159,000
Red Oak Realty, Jerry Ratch 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1825 VINE #4, Berkeley, 1+bd/1ba \$149,000
Red Oak Realty, Barbara Marienthal 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1825 VINE #5, 1bd/1ba \$143,000
Red Oak Realty, Tina Ensign 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2601 COLLEGE #307, Great complex, 1/1, bay vw, walk UC, Elmdw \$139,000
Red Oak Realty 845-0211, Julie Nachtwey 849-5303

2771 DOHR, 1st Open! sunny 2bd home, big kit & yd, jazzy bath \$129,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday \$118,500 and up
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

EL CERRITO Open Sunday \$189,000
Red Oak Realty, View home across from Canyon Trail Park! Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1223 NORVELL St, Heart of E.C., 3/1, refin.hdwds, nw paint, flat yd \$179,000
Red Oak Realty, Geri Stern 234-7808 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1606 ELM, El Cerrito, 2bd/1ba \$145,000
Red Oak Realty, Gaby Olander 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday \$215,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1285 62nd ST, Cozy, rustic loft style house w/studio in-law \$149,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

KENSINGTON Open Sunday \$650,000
Red Oak Realty, Kensington 4+bd/3+ba
Red Oak Realty, Candace Hyde-Ward 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

LAFAYETTE Open Sunday \$269,500
Red Oak Realty, Steal of a Deal! Cozy Carmel charmer, 1535 sf, popular nghbrhd nr downtown. Ambiance! Won't last. Mt.Diablo to Dyer. Ellie & Kelly Sell Homes 339-2858 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm \$1,180,000
Red Oak Realty, Sharon 3bd/3ba Med, 1/4 acre, large level-out garden Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

129 BONITA AV, Grand, gracious! elegant entry stairway, frml LR/DR \$979,500
Red Oak Realty, The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

209 HILLSIDE AVE, Sunny 3+3/4 tr'dl, updt kit, level to gardens \$849,000
Red Oak Realty, The GRUBB Company, Jane Inch 339-0400

37 SHARON AVE, Lovely 4/3 colonial, SF bay vw, rumpus, garden \$799,000
Red Oak Realty, The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

121 MONTICELLO AVE, 3+3/2 charming tr'dl, best area. Bright & airy. Family rm, gourm.EIK, bsmt, study. Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 547-1615

136 WALDO AV, Charming central tr'dl, 4bd up, 1bd off kit, garden \$729,500
Red Oak Realty, The GRUBB Company, Anlan Tunney 339-0400

185 WILDWOOD AVE, New on market! 4+2+Tudor, updated, grt yd \$709,000
Red Oak Realty, Better Homes Realty 339-4000

136 CAPERTON AVE, 3/3, garden, elegant LR, sunny fam rm, cham \$569,000
Red Oak Realty, The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

816 BLAIR AVE, Level-in, fully remod 3/2, sun room, bay views \$549,000
Red Oak Realty, The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

198 MAXWELTON, 1st open! fab views, 3/2 brown shingle, hot tub \$439,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

RICHMOND Open Sunday \$172,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

5036 Clifton Ave, R.Vw, 3/1, encl.patio, fruit trees, gar w/lot storage \$124,500
Red Oak Realty, Marvin Gardens RE, Alice McLeish 526-1101 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday \$191,950
Red Oak Realty, 446 E. MERLE CT, 2bd/1ba Spanish Med bungalow, old world charm Gadsby & Associates RE, Leigh 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

16075 CAROLYN, 2bd/1ba, bay vws, hdwds, spacious rms, great yd \$162,000
Red Oak Realty, Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

443 E. MERLE CT, 2bd/1ba, needs some work, on large lot \$140,000
Red Oak Realty, Gadsby & Associates RE, Leigh 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

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 15339 Farnsworth St. - \$185,000
 760 Frederick Rd. - \$137,000
 2519 Galleon 127 - \$178,000
 314 Garcia Ave. - \$130,000
 2488 Heathrow Ln. - \$163,000
 895 Joaquin Ave. - \$259,000
 314 Lille St. - \$160,000
 2466 Marineview Dr. - \$310,000
 1661 Oriole Ave. - \$161,000
 1395 Pierce Ave. - \$155,000
 16551 Russel Ct. - \$174,500
 686 Sybil Ave. - \$240,000
 1577 Thrush Ave. - \$124,500
 2029 Trombas Ave. - \$227,000
 15558 Wicks Blvd. - \$165,000
 742 Wrin Ave. - \$168,500
 SAN LORENZO
 16641 Meekland Ave. - \$128,000

15787 Via Arroyo - \$155,000
 48 Via Linares - \$162,000
 1244 Via Madera - \$173,500
 16051 Via Primero - \$143,000
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ALAMEDA
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 HIGHEST PRICE: \$714,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$311,175
ALBANY
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 LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$296,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$212,625
BERKELEY
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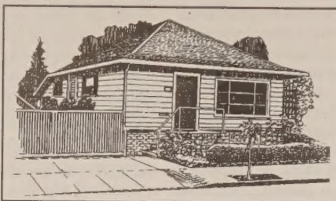
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 HIGHEST PRICE: \$162,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$134,500
EMERYVILLE
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 PRICE: \$230,000
OAKLAND
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 LOWEST PRICE: \$83,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$900,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$217,227

PIEDMONT
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 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,326,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$877,833
SAN LEANDRO
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1712 California, Berkeley

A little gem ... with a pretty yard ... in a great neighborhood close to North Berkeley BART. Perfect for first-timers or retirees. This 2-bedroom winner is priced to sell at **\$195,000**



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REALTY by TOM HOLSTLAW



I can't believe she got the listing...my free pot holders were much nicer than her refrigerator magnets.

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FEATURED ALAMEDA INVESTMENTS

- *1311 WEBSTER #E109. 1 BD Condo overlooking park. **\$89,500**
- *985 POST. One-level 3 BD, 1 BA, move-in condition. **\$219,000 SOLD**
- *2943 GIBBONS. Fernside Dist. 3 BD, 2 BA, family rm. **\$389,000 SOLD**
- *1368 EAST SHORE. 3 BD, 2 BA on San Leandro Bay. **\$429,000 SOLD**

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- 28 MASONIC PLACE- Upper Rockridge - Updated California Ranch with hill & Bay views. Spacious indoor and outdoor living. Updated kitchen. 3BD/2BA. **MICHAEL THOMPSON...\$449,950**
- 21 CAPTAINS COVE - Hiller Highlands - Just Listed! Upgraded 4BD/4BA home with 3 master suites. Maple hwd floors, Corian counter tops & views of SF & bridge. **OLLIE HAMMEREL...\$425,000**
- 6712 HEARTWOOD DR. - Traditional Charm - Enjoy traditional style, pvt park-like setting & great outdoor living. 3BD/2BA, 2 fireplaces, recreation room, updated kit. **DIAN HYMER...\$329,000**
- 958 WARFIELD - New Listing! - Spacious traditional. Rich wood details w/handsome frpl, 3BD/2BA & 2 plus rooms. Huge lower level for office or recreation, garage. **RUBY NG/KAREN LUM...\$307,000**
- 3911 NORTON - Laurel - Spacious 3BD/2BA with large yard. **VICKY FAULK...\$219,000**
- 2852 GEORGIA ST. - Spacious Townhouse - Luxurious 2BD/2.5BA, high ceilings, large LR w/flagstone frpl, formal dining rm, master suite w/sauna & ample storage. **ADRIANA GIACOMELLI...\$139,900**

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OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

- POOLSIDE AFTERNOON!**.....\$1,500,000
 Sunny 1+ acre estate has rural ambiance and easy commute. Gated, 5+BD/4+BA, guest cottage plus more!
 Ruth Lockhart
- CLAREMONT SPLENDOR!**.....\$998,000
 Magnificent Berkeley craftsman. 4 stories, 7BD/7 5BA, ballroom, formal dining, 2 kitchens, sunrooms, Golden Gate view & more!
 Lynne Bantle
- ULTIMATE PRIVACY.**.....\$750,000
 Very private, secluded, dramatic home. Spectacular views, security gate, pool & game room. Sauna, gym and more, much more.
 Don Coelho
- SPACIOUS PIEDMONT HOME.**.....\$549,000
 Well-maintained 4BD/3BA home with good indoor/outdoor living, remod. kitchen/fam rm, lg rec rm, 2-car garage, master suite.
 Dian Hymer
- UPPER CROCKER HIGHLANDS.**.....\$479,000
 Beautifully maintained 3BD/2BA with family room and large sunny yard, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, master bedroom suite.
 Dian Hymer
- OAKMORE FIXER.**.....\$320,000
 Fantastic view of City and Bay from living & dining rooms, master bedroom, family room & office. 3+BD/2+BA and 2 fireplaces.
 Ruth Lockhart
- 5 BEDROOMS!**.....\$299,500
 Master suite on main level. 4BD/2BA upstairs. Enjoy spacious living room, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, family room and more.
 Ruth Lockhart
- HARBOR BAY ISLE/ALAMEDA.**.....\$297,500
 3BD/2BA. Steps from the Bay. Large corner lot. Many upgrades, shows pride of ownership. Close to SF Ferry.
 Kevin McMullen
- SECRET GARDEN**.....\$289,000
 3BD/1.5BA home w/sunroom overlooking lush garden of exquisite flowers and shrubs on 5/8 of an acre.
 Joan Alford
- ROCKRIDGE HOME.**.....\$275,000
 Traditional 3BD/1BA bungalow with large eat-in kitchen. Sunny rear yard. Walking distance to College Ave. shopping.
 Michael Thompson
- MONTCLAIR.**.....\$259,000
 Bright contemporary w/vaulted ceiling. Bask in sun on deck off living room. Creekside setting, huge rec/fam rm. Fenced front garden w/lawn level in from 2-car garage. 2BD/2BA. Ruby Ng/Karen Lum
- REDWOOD HEIGHTS - NEW LISTING!**.....\$259,000
 All level entry on cul-de-sac. 3BD/1.5BA + fam room w/wet bar and fireplace. Attractive landscaped gardens. Includes extra lot.
 Adriana Giacomelli
- LOADS OF SPACE!**.....\$255,000
 Light, airy, spacious 3BD/2BA + rumpus room, plus or 4th BD, large sunny yard, storage.
 Vicky Faulk
- GLENVIEW LISTING.**.....\$249,000
 Charming 3BD/2BA, updated kit & baths, plumbing & heating. Choice Glenview St. Hurry!
 Don Coelho
- ROCKRIDGE LISTING**.....\$245,000
 Great Rockridge starter. 2BD/1BA plus extra rm upstairs. Delightful street, walk to BART, College Ave. & shops. FDR & hardwood flrs.
 Don Coelho
- HOME WITH A VIEW!**.....\$210,000
 Charming 4BD/2BA home in Laurel District. Remodeled 13 years ago. Dining room, eat-in kitchen. Great for entertaining.
 Donna Conroy
- CONDO WITH CLASS!**.....\$149,500
 1997 remodel tile, hardwood floors in kitchen, bonus room, in-unit laundry, fireplace, storage, top floor or garden unit. 2BD/1+BA.
 Donna Conroy
- OAKLAND HILLS.**.....\$169,000
 Great neighborhood, nice house, Bay view and beautiful landscaped yard. Bonus room could be 3rd bedroom. 2+BD/1BA.
 Ruth Lockhart
- TURNKEY HOUSE!**.....\$145,000
 Charming 2 bedroom starter in Dimond district. Fruit trees in sunny yard.
 Ken MacDonald

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- 160 ARLINGTON.....KENSINGTON.....4+BR/3+BA.....\$650,000.....CANDACE HYDE-WAN
- 2226 CARLETON.....BERKELEY.....3BR/3BA.....\$349,000.....HENRY CHAN
- 101 MONTROSE.....BERKELEY.....5BR/3BA.....\$549,000.....KIM MARIENTHA
- 815 DELAWARE.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$159,000.....JERRY RATE
- 1305 BAY VIEW PLACE.....BERKELEY.....4+BR/2.5BA.....\$599,000.....GABY OLANO
- 3058 BENVENUE.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/1BA.....\$250,000.....CHRIS COM
- 1825 VINE #5.....BERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$143,000.....TINA ENSIG
- 2447 ASHBY.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$269,000.....LORRI ARAN
- 1825 VINE #4.....BERKELEY.....1+BR/1BA.....\$149,000.....BARBARA MARIENTHA
- 837 HILLSIDE.....ALBANY.....3+BR/2BA.....\$349,900.....KIM CLEVELAN
- 1606 ELM.....EL CERRITO.....2BR/1BA.....\$145,000.....GABY OLANO
- 1020 MASONIC.....ALBANY.....2BR/1BA.....\$188,000.....HENRY CHAN

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

- MILLION DOLLAR VIEWS FROM BERKELEY HILLS.**.....\$421,000
 PRICE REDUCED! Elegant & pristine contemporary with beamed ceilings and hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA plus family room. Great floor plan with separate entrance for lower level. Deck and large private yard & garden. All major systems upgraded!
- 2 BRIDGE VIEW FROM ALBANY HILL.**.....\$349,000
 JUST LISTED! Lovely home, move-in condition at the top of the hill! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths plus solarium. Downstairs in-law & garage. Peaceful and level back yard and views you won't believe.
- ONE OF THE LAST GREAT ORINDA LOTS.**.....\$349,000
 Five minutes from Tilden at the top of Orinda! A rare find! Over 1 acre building site with views of Mt. Tam, Mt. Diablo and reservoir. Possible subdivision.
- BERKELEY FEATURE OF THE WEEK!**.....\$345,000
 Thousand Oaks charmer. Traditional split level 3BR on a tree-lined street, built in 1927. Views of Mt. Tam. Beautiful, private yard. This home reflects the era plus the seller's care and attention. Close to shops and transportation.
- BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED BERKELEY TOWNHOME.**.....\$295,000
 Fantastic renovation! 3BR/2.5BA, fireplace, hardwood floors, more. Private rear unit with private yard. Walk to Gourmet Ghetto.
- BROWN SHINGLE DUPLEX IN NORTH OAKLAND.**.....\$279,000
 Charm, sunny & bright! 2 bedroom owners unit and 2 bedroom rental. View. Lovely and private fenced yard, newly painted. Also in-law downstairs. Could be large, 4BR house.
- CLASSIC BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE.**.....\$269,000
 Original wood details, split-level design, large front porch and big yard with work-shop. Walk to BART, UC, and N. Berkeley shops. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with formal dining room.
- ELMWOOD ELEGANCE.**.....\$269,000
 JUST LISTED! Victorian raised basement cottage with lush English garden! Softwood floors throughout, gorgeous wood detailing, updated kitchen with breakfast nook. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath plus formal dining. You must see this sweetheart!
- YES! 3 BEDROOMS IN ALBANY.**.....\$269,000
 Plus a big yard with play structure! Refinished & looking good, this home is ready to go! Walk to Albany's best school; watch Solano Stroll from your porch or just tend the roses & fruit trees!
- EXCLUSIVE ELMWOOD FIXER.**.....\$259,000
 JUST LISTED! Fantastic neighborhood! Walk to College Ave. and BART. 2+ bedrooms, formal dining, breakfast room. Needs a bit of care and attention.
- LOVELY NORTH BERKELEY CONDO.**.....\$249,000
 Extraordinary location. Walk to Gourmet Ghetto & campus. Spacious and sunny 2BR with tiled kitchen and large deck. One of only 5 units.
- HANSEL & GRETEL'S COTTAGE IN BERKELEY?**.....\$229,000
 You must see this one. 2BR, 1BA, stone fireplace, large yard with fruit trees. Great use of stone, wood and plaster to create fairy tale house.
- DOWNSTAIRS FLAT ON BERKELEY TREE-LINED BLOCK.**.....\$189,000
 PRICE REDUCED! Upgraded kitchen & bath! Wood floors & details. 3BR, 1.5BA, formal dining & fireplace. Short walk to Berkeley Bowl & downtown.
- BERKELEY VICTORIAN TOWNHOUSE.**.....\$159,000
 2BR, 1BA. Sunny garden, 11-ft ceilings, hardwood floors! Remod. interior in historical 4th Street/Delaware area. This one's a beauty & priced to sell today.
- LOFT IN SCHOOLHOUSE.**.....\$149,000
 JUST LISTED! Walk to Piedmont Ave. shops and cafes! French Provincial building now houses gorgeous live/work spaces. Softwood floors, wall-to-wall windows, high ceilings. Attic expansion possible in this one.

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